

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE - 1ST MARCH 2012**

Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report

STREET TRADING POLICY

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Members consider the Statement of Licensing Policy and give permission for it to be submitted to a 12 week consultation with local businesses and other relevant bodies.**
- 2. That the policy be amended following the consultation period and that a further report be submitted to the Licensing and Regulation Committee for approval of the final policy by Cabinet.**

Background

- 1 Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, a Local Authority may impose limitations on Street Trading within its area. At a meeting of the Environmental Health Committee held on 31st May 1984, it was resolved that Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 should apply to its area with the result that a number of streets were designated as consent streets. This means that anyone who wishes to trade on these streets must hold a street trading consent. In May 2005, the A413 was designated as a prohibited street.
- 2 Local authorities are concerned not only with consumer protection but also with the suitability of those who are street traders, what they sell and also any nuisance and inconvenience or obstruction that they may occasion to those using the streets in question. The aim of the Council's street trading policy is to encourage a street trading environment which complements premises-based trading, is sensitive to the needs of residents, provides diversity and consumer choice, and seeks to enhance the character, ambience and safety of local environments.
- 3 Good practice dictates that a licensing authority should have a policy which would provide guidelines for potential applicants and advises members of the public and officers as to how Chiltern District Council will consider applications for street trading in the area.

- 4 A draft statement of policy has been prepared and is detailed in **Appendix 1**. It is proposed, with the Committee's approval, to formally consult on the policy over a 12 week period and report back on the outcome and present the final policy to the Committee in May 2012.

Background Papers: None
