

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Registration and Licensing Committee**

4th December 2017

### **Report of the Head of Legal Services – David Michael**

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All

#### **Street Trading Policy - Amendments**

##### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider amendments to the Street Trading Policy.

##### **Executive Summary**

2. This report is to consider amendments to the Street Trading Policy adopted on the 4th December 2017.
3. Amendments are required in respect of the paragraphs dealing with applicant and assistant suitability

##### **Background**

4. This authority adopted the legislation in respect of street trading on the 1st July 2001 and classified every street a "consent street". Effectively this means that anyone wishing to sell an article in the street within the Neath Port Talbot CBC area requires a street trading consent.

5. On the 4th December 2017, members determined to adopt a revised Street Trading Policy which will become effective on the 1st April 2018.

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6. It is proposed that amendments be made to paragraph 7.2 and 7.3 of the policy which deals with applicant and assistant suitability.
7. The existing policy requires that all applicants and assistants obtain a basic disclosure as part of the application process. However, the policy does not make any exceptions for special events, where trading takes place over a very short period of time e.g. Neath food festival.
8. It is considered that requiring basic disclosure checks for traders at special events is disproportionate, giving the relatively short period of time that trading is permitted for and that by their nature, these events are highly visible public events.
9. Paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 of the policy have therefore been re-worded to exempt traders at special events from requiring basic disclosures.
10. Paragraph 7.2 of the policy has also been amended to reflect the recent changes to the provider of basic disclosure checks. References to Disclosure Scotland have now been replaced with the Disclosure and Barring Service.
11. The revised wording for paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 of the policy are shown bold and underlined in appendix 1.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

12. Not applicable

## **Legal Impacts**

13. Not applicable

## **Risk Management**

14. Not applicable

## **Consultation**

15. Not applicable.

## **Recommendation**

16. That members approve the amendments to the Street Trading Policy.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

17. Not applicable

## **Implementation of Decision**

18. Not applicable

## **Appendices**

19. Street Trading Policy - Revised Paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3

## **List of Background Papers**

20. Street Trading Policy

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