

Extract from the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting on 14 November 2018

74. Pavement Permits (Street Restaurant, Café and Bar Furniture)

The Committee considered a report by Mr Ruder, Licensing and Food Safety Manager, with regard to the introduction a permit procedure for the safe layout of movable street furniture in the town. It was hoped to encourage a café culture in relation to bars, pubs, restaurants and cafes.

Mr Ruder informed the Committee that the aim was to use a permit and conditions system to ensure ease of access, safety and improve visual impact in an efficient, fair and controlled way. The proposed policy was intended to help businesses understand where street cafes might be encouraged, where they would not be permitted, and the specific requirements in relation to their licensing.

In response to questions from the Committee Mr Ruder informed them that the Policy would initially start in the town centre but could become Borough wide later. It was also explained that the pricing table was based on square meterage of the outside area and for businesses that renew it would be a lower amount. The Committee were informed that there was an error in section 8 it should read 'The Council will require that all glasses, crockery and other ancillary items used in the permitted area, are made of a toughened material when the area is used after 6.00pm'

In reply to a question about beggars Mr Ruder informed the Committee that he would contact the Community Safety Team and raise the issue with them.

RESOLVED that the draft Policy be agreed and recommended to full Council for adoption and implementation with effect from 1 January 2019.