

<b>Report of</b>	<b>Licensing, Food and Safety Manager</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Jon Ruder</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Pavement Permits (Street Restaurant, Café and Bar Furniture)</b>		
<b>Wards affected</b>	Potentially all		

## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of introducing a permit procedure for the safe layout of movable street furniture in the town is to encourage a café culture in relation to bars, pubs, restaurants and cafes, whilst controlling the layout of the public highway in relation to tables, chairs and barriers. The aim is 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 is intended to help businesses understand where street cafes might be encouraged, where they will not be permitted, and the specific requirements in relation to their licensing.

## **2. Recommended Decision**

- 2.1 To approve the Policy and recommend to full Council that it be adopted with effect from 1 January 2019.

## **3. Reason for Recommended Decision**

- 3.1 The Licensing Committee is asked to agree the proposed Pavement Permit Policy to enable formal adoption by Council.

## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 Not to introduce a Pavement Permit Policy. .

## 5. Background Information

- 5.1 The Committee considered the introduction of a Pavement Café Policy at its meeting in August 2018 and requested that further information be provided on the costs of the licence. The Policy is attached at Appendix A.
- 5.2 The following fees have been calculated based on the premises frontage.

Pavement Permit	Fee
New Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) Under 5m <sup>2</sup>	205.00
New Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) 5-10m <sup>2</sup>	295.00
New Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) 10-15m <sup>2</sup>	380.00
New Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) Over 15m <sup>2</sup>	470.00
Transfer/Alteration of Pavement Permit.	75.00
Renewal Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) Under 5m <sup>2</sup>	102.00
Renewal Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) 5-10m <sup>2</sup>	145.00
Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) 10-15m <sup>2</sup>	190.00
Renewal Pavement Permit (Café Furniture Licence) Over 15m <sup>2</sup>	235.00

## 6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications

- 6.1 The Policy has been developed in accordance with and taken account of, all relevant legislation and national and local strategies.

## 7. Standard References

- 7.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan; consultation or publicity considerations or financial; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.

## **7. Strategic Plan References**

- 7.1 The Council's strategic plan is the overarching strategy for the Borough setting out the direction and potential for the Borough and integrating social, economic and environmental strategies
- 7.2 This Policy aims to contribute to this vision through promoting a wider range of high-quality attractions that encourage an increased range of customers in order to lead to longer term economic viability. Licensed premises provide a key role as an employer, in regeneration, and in attracting people to the town. Additionally, effective regulation plays an essential role in enabling businesses to thrive and contribute to the Borough's economy

## **8. Consultation**

- 8.1 Consultation on the policy was carried out prior to the previous Committee meeting when the introduction of the policy was considered.

## **9. Publicity Considerations**

- 9.1 Affected businesses will be advised if the policy is approved.

## **10. Financial implications**

- 10.1 The costs associated with the issuing of permits will be recovered by the relevant fee.

## **11. Health, Wellbeing and Community Safety Implications**

- 11.1 There is no known direct public health and safety issues which might arise from the adoption of the revised Policy.

## **12. Health and Safety Implications**

- 12.1 There are no known negative public health and safety issues which might arise from the adoption of the Policy. The policy will regularise the provision of street furniture to promote safe use of the public highway.

## **13. Risk Management Implications**

- 13.1 The Policy will continue to provide the Council with a sound basis for decision making.