

Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 5 April 2017. It will become effective at Noon on 13 April 2017 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 12 April 2017.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found on the website or via Democratic Services.

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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Council Pavement Café Licensing Policy

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To approve a Pavement Café Licensing Policy and fees which allowed businesses to apply to the Council for a licence to place tables and chairs on the highway.

Alfresco eating has become a more widespread aspect of urban life and the presence of tables and chairs on the pavement can make a positive contribution by adding vitality, colour, life and interest to an area. The Council supported and encouraged the provision of pavement cafes as they can help to maximise the use of public spaces, aid the local economy and add to the facilities offered to people who visit, live, and work in Newport.

Tables and chairs placed on the highway without permission may be illegal as they could amount to an obstruction. However, permission to use the highway for pavement cafes may be granted the Council under Section 115E of the Highways Act 1980. The Current Pavement Café Licensing policy was previously administrated by the Council's Street Scene Services. It was now believed this function was more appropriately delivered by Public Protection's Licensing Team.

In addition to this transfer, we have taken the opportunity to fully revise and update the policy, including the fees structure.

This Pavement Café Licensing Policy will allow businesses to apply to the Council to place tables and chairs and set up night time "smoking areas" on the highway.

Decision

To approve the Pavement Café Licensing Policy, and the associated 2017/18 fee structure.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change

All Members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment when previously circulated. Any comments received and responses thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Head of Law & Regulation
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR BOB POOLE, CABINET MEMBER FOR REGULATORY FUNCTIONS

Date: 5 April 2017
