

Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Regulation and Housing

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 6 January 2023. They will become effective at Noon on 16 January 2023 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 13 January 2022.

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Pavement Café Licensing Policy

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Alfresco eating was becoming a more widespread aspect of urban life and the presence of tables and chairs on the pavement could make a positive contribution by adding vitality, colour, life, and interest to an area. Newport City Council supported and encouraged the provision of pavement cafes in the city as they helped 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. Also, during the Covid pandemic, outside areas became essential for many businesses. These businesses indicated they wished to continue the use of outside areas post Covid.

Tables and chairs placed on the highway without permission could 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 Policy was revised on 5 April 2017. It was now felt that minor variations were required within the Policy to make it more flexible for businesses and particularly those that operated within the night-time economy, this flexibility was important considering the ongoing city centre redevelopment.

Decision

The Cabinet Member approved the Pavement Café Licensing Policy

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation, Head of Finance and Head of Policy, People and Transformation Change

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Head of Environment and Public Protection
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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Date: 6 January 2023

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