

# Licensing Sub Committee (Miscellaneous)

Tuesday 16 March 2010

## PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Bowyer, in the Chair.  
Councillor Michael Foster, Vice Chair.  
Councillor Kerswell.  
Councillor Delbridge (Substitute for Councillor Mrs Nicholson) (Fourth Member).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mrs Nicholson.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.25 am.

*Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

## 50. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Bowyer be appointed as Chair, and Councillor Michael Foster be appointed as Vice Chair.

## 51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

## 52. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of exempt business.

## 53. STREET TRADING REPORT

The City Centre Operations and Street Trading Manager updated the committee on street trading. In response to questions raised it was reported that –

- (i) redevelopment works at the West End had made it necessary to temporarily re-locate three existing sites;
- (ii) the three sites that traders had been re-located from had now been lost due to the redevelopment works, as a result it was proposed that three new sites be sourced around Cornwall Street;
- (iii) the proposals, as well as maintaining the income stream for the Council from street traders, would also increase footfall in Cornwall Street;
- (iv) due to the economic climate and many traders asking for reduced rates the fees had stayed the same for 2010/2011 ensuring that traders would take up sites and thus, maintain an income stream for the Council;
- (v) one of the biggest impacts on traders had been due to an increase in pedlars, this was being combated by the City Centre Operations and Street Trading Manager and PCSO's monitoring and moving on pedlars, which had resulted in a reduced amount of pedlars in the City Centre;
- (vi) burger vans operating in the City Centre were granted a late licence from the Licensing Department but often traded from prohibited streets;
- (vii) issues such as illegal trading had resulted in the street trading, enforcement

and licensing departments striving to work in partnership to ensure that a more joined up approach was achieved within the trading industry.

Resolved that –

- (1) the consent dates for 2010/2011 are approved;
- (2) the Assistant Director for Planning Services has delegated authority to approve, within Committee policy, the issuing of consents to existing City Centre traders seeking to continue trading during 2010/2011;
- (3) the Assistant Director for Planning Services has delegated authority to approve, within Committee policy, the issuing of consents to new City Centre traders for vacant sites;
- (4) the consent fees for 2010/2011 are approved;
- (5) the Assistant Director for Planning Services has delegated authority to approve, within Committee policy, short-term street trading consents in association with other City Centre events and commercial activity;
- (6) the Assistant Director for Planning Services has delegated authority to approve and set fees for ad hoc street trading applications, within Committee policy;
- (7) the proposed site changes are approved;
- (8) the proposed three new sites are approved;
- (9) due to members' concerns over illegal trading taking place in the city, a joint working party be set up to deal with the issues involved, to pursue prosecutions where necessary and to establish sites where appropriate.

54. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

55. **STREET TRADING ICE CREAM CONCESSIONS - PLYMOUTH HOE & CITY CENTRE**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report of the Director for Development and Regeneration;
- (ii) heard from the City Centre Operations & Street Trading Manager;
- (iii) heard from the applicants.

Resolved that –

- (1) RM to be offered site B;
- (2) EW to be offered sites C and F with permission from EW for RD to be the manager for site F;
- (3) DE to be offered sites G and H;

- (4) KS to be offered site E subject to receipt of all the necessary paperwork;
- (5) new applications will be sought for any vacant sites. The decision on granting any ice cream trading consents for these sites, will be delegated to the Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee;
- (6) the approval of ice cream consents for vacant sites for the Winter period be delegated to the Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee.