

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

**Subject:** Street Trading Report  
Amendment to annual consent date 2012/13

**Committee:** Licensing Committee

**Date:** 8 January 2013

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Evans

**CMT Member:** Director for Place

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**Ref:** AL/S/CCC/STTREP 2012 amended  
**Part:** 1

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### **Purpose of the report:**

This report seeks to amend the dates for consents and permits to end of March 2013.

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### **Corporate Plan 2012 – 2015:**

This report links to the delivery of the corporate priorities defined in the Corporate Plan. In particular:

- 1 Create a vibrant City Centre and support schemes that give renewed life to the City.
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### **Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land:**

2.2 Street Trading is operated under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. The Council's policy is to administer street trading as a trading account and to finance all expenditure from the Consent fees. All activities including enforcement, administration, stall maintenance and improvements are financed from the Street Trading account. The proposal is now to amend the current permits and consents to extend by 14 days so expiration of such consents falls at the end of the financial year and additional income is taken into account. All new consents/permits are proposed to run from the start of the new financial and trading year and end accordingly.

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### **Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:**

The issuing of Street Trading Consents under the Council's street trading policy ensures that all Consent holders are properly licensed and operate in a hygienic and safe manner within the street trading policy guidelines. It also finances the management of Street Trading enforcement.

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**Equality and Diversity:**

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

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**Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:**

It is recommended that Members agree to:

1. Issue short term consents for existing City Centre Consent holders for the period 18 March 2013 to 31 March 2013 (14 days.).
2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Economic Development to issue short term consents for the period 18 March 2013 to 31 March 2013 to the existing consent holders.
3. Approve the additional consent fees shown in Appendix 1.
4. Agree that all future new City Centre Consents and Hoe ice cream consents are to run for 12 months from the start of each financial and trading year (1 April to 31 March).

Reason for recommendations:

These actions are recommended to align Street Trading Consents to the financial year, thus enabling ease of year end reconciliation

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**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Leave renewal and invoicing process as it currently stands which takes up unnecessary time to split fees across separate financial years.

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**Published work / information:**

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**Background papers:**

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number						
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**Sign off:**

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Originating SMT Member													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? No													

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.0 The Council operates a scheme under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (the Act) for the control of Street Trading in the City Centre, the Hoe and Barbican areas.
- 1.1 Under the scheme certain streets have been designated “Prohibited Streets” where Street Trading (with limited exceptions such as news vendors) is totally prohibited and other “Consent Streets” where Street Trading is permitted only with the consent of the Council. Within the designated areas the monitoring and enforcement of the Terms and Conditions of Street Trading licences and the prevention of unauthorised Street Trading is undertaken by enforcement staff, funded in part from the Street Trading Consent fees.

## 2. Duration of Consents for 2012/2013

- 2.1 Members considered the annual street trading report for the period 2012/13 at the meeting held on the 14 February 2012 and approved the consent period for City Centre Consents for 2012/2013 to run from Monday 19 March 2012 to Sunday 17 March 2013. Members also approved the consent fees for this period.
- 2.3 The proposal is now to:
- 2.3.1 Extend the consents for the existing City Centre Consent holders for the period 18 March 2013 to 31 March 2013 (14 days) so expiration of such consents falls at the end of the financial year enabling ease of year end reconciliation. This would have to be achieved by issuing a new consent to the existing consent holders for the 14 day period as the provisions of the Act only allow consents to be issued for a maximum period of 12 months.
- 2.3.2 Charge an additional 14 days consent fee, calculated as shown in Appendix 1. This proposed additional fee is a pro-rata calculation of the current annual fee.
- 2.3.3 All future new City Centre Consents and Hoe ice cream consents are proposed to run for 12 months from the start of the each financial and trading year (1 April to 31 March).

## **APPENDIX 1**

SITE	LOCATION	CONSENT FEE 2012/13	ADDITIONAL
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			<b>CONSENT FEE FOR 18 MARCH 2013 TO 31 MARCH 2013</b>
2A	New George Street	5964	£228.76
2B	New George Street (Waterstones)	5,964	£228.76
2D	New George Street (Waterstones)	5,964	£228.76
9	New George Street (Waterstones)	5,964	£228.76
3A	Bedford Way (Royal Parade)	3,591	£137.73
3B	Bedford Way (New George Street)	5,964	£228.76
4A	Old Town Street	3,591	£137.73
7	New George St Operating from top outside of Drake Circus to the area opposite Bedford Way	2,758	£105.79
8	New George Street Winter (Sundial area) seasonal	2,316	No change only taken up for 2 months at a time
8	New George Street Summer (Sundial area) seasonal	1,213	No change - unoccupied
10	Sundial/Armada Way Opp. Ernest Jones approved 2010 known as Sundial East	7,112.80	£272.82
11	Sundial,/Armada Way, opposite MadHouse. Known as Sundial West	7,112.80	£272.82
12	Cornwall St. flower bed opposite Superdrug	4,000	£153.42
13	Place de Brest, flowerbed opposite Specsavers	4,000	£153.42
14	Cornwall St. flower bed outside Specsavers	4,000	No change - unoccupied