

# **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMY AND PLACE**

## **REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 24 JULY 2017**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 STREET TRADING CONSENT IN THE VICINITY OF THE STADIUM OF LIGHT**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To request the Committee to consider a request by Northumbria Police to suspend street trading consents in the vicinity of the Stadium of light on Saturday 29 July 2017.

#### **2.0 DESCRIPTION OF DECISION (RECOMMENDATION)**

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to consider a request by Northumbria Police to suspend street trading consents in the vicinity of the Stadium of light on Saturday 29 July 2017.

#### **3.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Committee will be aware that certain streets in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light (referred to in this report as being located within the “designated area”) have been designated as ‘consent streets’ under the above-mentioned Act. Any person wishing to trade on those streets requires the consent of the Council. The designated area for the purposes of this report comprises those streets currently designated for street trading purposes in accordance with the above-mentioned Act which are located in the area bounded by the North bank of the River Wear, North Bridge Street and Southwick Road.
- 3.2 The Committee, at its meeting on 11 May 2009, adopted a policy, following advice upon matters of safety received from the Council's Traffic and Road Safety Section and the Development Manager, of refusing applications for street trading consent in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light on days when there are to be high profile non-football events such as concerts at the stadium unless an applicant could demonstrate exceptional reasons where a departure from the policy would be in the interest of the public.
- 3.3 On 18 April 2016 the Committee amended this policy to include days when international football games are played at the Stadium of Light, following advice from Northumbria Police and the Council's Special Events Safety Advisory Group.
- 3.4 On 3 September 2012 the Committee agreed that the following condition was to be added to all street trading consents for traders trading in the designated area, either upon the granting of an application or upon renewal of an application:

“On days when football games designated as high risk by Northumbria Police are played at the Stadium of Light this consent will cease validity at the time at which the game is scheduled to commence and the consent holder must ensure that his/her trading equipment is removed from the area no later than forty five minutes before the time of the scheduled conclusion of the game”.

#### **4.0 CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 Northumbria Police have made representations to the Council on the grounds of public safety and the prevention of disorder in order to seek the suspension of Street Trading Consents in the designated area on 29 July 2017. The Sunderland v Celtic is considered to be a game with a high risk of disorder and in order to facilitate the safe movement of people attending the match and to facilitate the parking of the buses bringing the Celtic supporters to the fixture Northumbria Police require this area to be free from traders.
- 4.2 A letter was sent to all street traders trading in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light asking them to submit comments in respect of this proposal and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

#### **5.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- 5.1 Paragraph 7 of Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 allows the Council at any time to vary the conditions of a street trading consent in order to prevent obstruction of the street or danger to persons using it.

#### **6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 None submitted.

#### **7.0 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 None.

#### **8.0 GLOSSARY**

- 8.1 None.

#### **9.0 LIST OF APPENDICES**

- 9.1 None.

#### **10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 None.

