

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Suspension of Street Markets in Hereford City Centre during the period of the covid-19 outbreak</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	27.3.20
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director of Economy and Place
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Council constitution 3.7.9 all necessary decisions in the case of emergencies
<b>Ward:</b>	Central
<b>Consultation:</b>	Emergency consultation between senior officers and cabinet member for Housing, regulatory services and community safety. Details of this change will be communicated to all stakeholders
<b>Decision made:</b>	Suspend all street markets in Hereford City Centre during the Covid 19 outbreak
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The unprecedented significant impact of the covid-19 outbreak is having ramifications across society and notably the economy.</p> <p>Whilst Government advice has stated on 23.03.2020 that market traders could continue if they were offering essential items, a number of traders have already decided not to trade at this time</p> <p>Current terms and conditions relating to the operation the retail markets state - Normal Market Days are, WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY of each week. Emergency conditions may require an adjustment to this rule.</p> <p>There is a concern being shared by enforcement partners that the 'Stay at home' message is not being adhered to as it should be.</p> <p>It would be difficult to provide social distancing and would require policing causing extra stain on the system</p> <p>Relevant council staff within this service area could now be temporarily redeployed to other vital service areas.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	There could be a challenge from some traders that the council is suspending trading when they are not listed in the types of businesses that the government has ordered to close at this time (notwithstanding the overall general message to the public is one to 'stay at home').
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Maintain the position of permitting street market trading consents. This may be challenged by some that the 'Stay at home' message is not being encouraged by allowing this type of trading.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

Richard Ball  
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