

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Removal of Suspension for Street Trading activity (towns/city centre) in relation to the covid19 outbreak</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	14 May 2020
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director for 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>	Countywide (where applicable)
<b>Consultation:</b>	Emergency consultation between chief finance officer, county solicitor, and cabinet member for Housing, Regulatory services and Community Safety.  Details of this change will be communicated to all stakeholders
<b>Decision made:</b>	To remove the temporary suspension of street trading activity in towns/city centre, effective from 18 May 2020. Highway amenity licenses for pavement café seating areas to remain suspended
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Street trading and highways amenity licensing was suspended on 27.3.20 due to the covid-19 outbreak, see <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6734">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6734</a></p> <p>Government advice on 23.03.2020 indicated that street trading could conceivably continue if they were offering takeaway food/drink.</p> <p>With the revised government guidance, it is timely to permit those street traders that wish to operate to be able to do so from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020, provided they, their staff and their customers can comply with social distancing measures.</p> <p>This decision is applicable to towns/city centre traders, including any that operate on private land, where landowner permission is given.</p> <p>If on inspection, social distancing measure aren't in place or seen to be being observed, we reserve the right to suspend the consent.</p> <p>Highways amenity licenses for pavement café seating should remain suspended at the current time.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	There could be a challenge from some traders that the council is reinstating street trading at this time. This is unlikely as traders will be given the option as to whether they wish to trade and those that are not ready to return will incur no fees and have their pitches held for them.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Maintain the position of suspending street trading consents/licenses. This may be challenged by some traders that this may now be considered excessive and denying them their right to try and make a living.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

Richard Ball  
Director for Economy & Place

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