

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Reinstatement of existing highways amenity licensing/pavement licensing (pavement café) activity in relation to the covid19 outbreak</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	7 April 2021
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Assistant Director for Technical Services
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Economy & Place Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 25 March 2021 Section 47A (Highways Amenity Licences) and 47B (Pavement Licences)
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide (where applicable)
<b>Consultation:</b>	Cabinet member for Housing, regulatory services and community safety
<b>Decision made:</b>	To lift the temporary suspension of existing highways amenity licensing/pavement licensing activity in the county, effective from 12 April 2021, in line with the permitted regulations as per the government's roadmap.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Government advice was that the hospitality venues must close from 31 December 2020 unless operating as a takeaway/delivery operation.</p> <p>The council suspended highways amenity and pavement licences on 31 December 2021, see <a href="#">Covid HAL/PL suspension decision 31.12.20</a></p> <p>Businesses that remained open under that capacity did so without seating areas. Those businesses that have either a highways amenity licence or a pavement licence for external seating areas will be permitted to reintroduce those areas from 12 April 2021.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	None envisaged, as the lifting of this temporary suspension of highways amenity/pavement licensing would only be in accordance with the relaxation of national restrictions as imposed by central government.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	None
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

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Date: 7 April 2021