Item No.
LICENSING COMMITTEE
16 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2003

# WARDS AFFECTED: CITY WIDE

# REPORT OF THE ACTING CITY SECRETARY AND CHIEF OFFICER FOR DESIGN AND PROPERTY SERVICES

### STREET TRADING - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

#### 1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider the re-designation of Southchurch Drive in Clifton from a license street to a consent street under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 for the purposes of street trading.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982:
  - (i). Southchurch Drive in Clifton, together with all adjoining car parks and other areas to which the public have access to without payment, be re-designated as a consent street for the purposes of street trading with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003.
  - (ii). The Acting City Secretary be authorised to advertise the above resolution in accordance with paragraph 2 of schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.
  - (iii). Resolution No. 236 of the Environment Committee dated 19<sup>th</sup> March 1992 designating Southchurch Drive, Clifton as a licence street for the purposes of street trading be rescinded with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Clifton Market operates on Fridays and Saturdays behind Barry Noble's Leisure Centre off Green Lane. For the last few years, it has declined to such a level that it is no longer viable on its existing site. To help revitalise the market it is proposed to relocate it onto Southchurch Drive, which is currently designated as a licence street for Street Trading purposes. The proposal has received support from other businesses on Southchurch Drive, including the existing Street Traders, although there have been a few concerns relating to noise, access and litter.
- 3.2 Whilst strict controls are required over the market traders, the Street Trading consent regime is more flexible than the license regime, which is aimed at more permanent types of trading rather than the casual traders who attend the market. The Street Trading consent regime offers the required controls whilst retaining flexibility and for those reasons the redesignation is thought appropriate.
- 3.3 In accordance with paragraph 2(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2002 the Council published a notice of their intention to designate Southchurch Drive, together with all adjoining car parks and other areas to which the public have access without payment, as a consent street for the purposes of

Street Trading. Copies of the notice were also served on the Director of Development and Environmental Services on behalf of the Highway Authority and the Police. No representations were received relating to the proposal.

### 4. PROPOSALS

It is now intended to pass a resolution to re-designate Southchurch Drive, Clifton as a consent street under paragraph 2(1) to come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Consent fees for the existing licence holders will remain at the existing rate for licence fees of £1,765.30 per annum. However, consent fees for the market traders will be charged, and reviewed, in line with the existing market stall fees and charges.
- It is hoped that the relocation of Clifton Market will help to regenerate the market and have an overall positive impact on the Markets Trading Account.

# 6. OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER OFFICERS

None.

# 7. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

# 7.1 Increasing investment into our city

The Corporate Plan 02-05 states that the City Council wants to support emerging and established businesses in the city by helping them develop and grow. The Markets and Fairs service provides facilities for over 300 businesses. *This approximates to an estimated 600 jobs.* 

# 7.2 Improving access and key areas of service delivery

The Markets Service generates net revenue (profit) from external sources. Policies and procedures are reviewed and revised to improve revenue collection. This is in line with the above priority in the Corporate Plan 02-05.

### 8. BEST VALUE

None

# 9. <u>List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing</u> confidential or exempt information

None.

## 10. Published Documents referred to in compiling this report

None

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