

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

To: Councillors Melly (Chair), Cuthbertson (Vice-Chair), Baxter, Clarke, Hook, Kilbane, Knight, Mason, D Myers, Nicholls, Ravilious, Smalley, Widdowson, Warters and Wilson

Date: Monday, 2 September 2024

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: West Offices

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on **Thursday, 22 August 2024**. The attached additional documents are now available for the following agenda item:

3. Public Participation (Pages 1 - 6)

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee. The following documents have been submitted:

- i. A written representation from a member of the public.

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Friday, 30 August 2024.

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Dear Councilors,

I am writing to submit a response to the recently proposed Street Trading Policy, which was under public consultation this summer. My name is Daniel Zoccolan, and I have run a street trading business in York for roughly the last thirteen years. As such, the Street Trading Policy affects me directly. Although discussion regarding this Policy has been postponed until February 2025, I feel that this response is still relevant in today's meeting. As part of this response, I would like present a proposed draft of a Charter of Street Trader's Rights, in conjunction with a number of other Street Traders in York.

The draft of the Street Trading Policy that underwent public consultation proposes to significantly change the nature of Street Trading in York. As written, it transfers the

functional authority Page 2r these Trading Consents from the Licensing Department to Make it York during events and our most important trading times, and alters the conditions of trade so significantly that it nullifies the business model that the existing Street Trading businesses are built on. By focusing on the potential economic advantages to Make it York through the contracting of external and seasonal catering companies, the drafted Policy ignores the history that established, local, independent businesses like mine have and the contributions that we make to the unique character and local job market of this city.

As the results of the public consultation have not been published as of yet and the Street Trading Policy is not yet fully established, we as existing Street Traders are eager to work in collaboration with York City Council to produce legislation

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that both serves the and protects Street Traders. The Charter that I present aims to safeguard the sustainability of existing businesses and jobs generated by the Street Trading Policy. It promotes street trading activities in a way that benefits businesses, the City of York, and the community.

I hope that Councilors on this Committee will support the Street Traders in our aim to have the Charter instated, and in our goal of open communication and collaboration with the Council as the Street Trading Policy takes shape.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,
Daniel Zoccolan

Charter of Street Trader's Rights 2024

The aim of The Charter is to safeguard the sustainability of existing businesses and jobs generated by the Street Trading Policy. It promotes street trading activities in a way that benefits businesses, the City of York, and the community.

The Charter's objectives are as follows:

- 1) Establishment of an *Official Map of all Street Trading Pitches* to prevent obstructions to trade, to be published on the City of York Council website
- 2) Right to Trade - Guaranteed access to the Street Trading Pitches and continuity of business operations, including during City Centre events and activities
- 3) Alternative pitches to be established in the case of exceptional circumstances, such as essential roadworks
- 4) Adequate notice to be given in the case of essential roadworks
- 5) Quarterly Meetings between the Licensing Department and Street Traders to discuss any issues affecting street trading, ensuring transparent processes and decision making
- 6) Right to Appeal / Redress - the right to independent participation of an agreed neutral party to settle disputes
- 7) 2-year Licenses to enable greater business security and certainty

York Street Trader Association Aspirations:

Street Traders are committed to supporting the City of York Council's goals for Climate and Health by:

- 1) Encouraging all Street Trading businesses to sign up to the Good Business Charter in alignment with the Council's participation
- 2) Actively supporting the City of York Council's Climate Change Strategy (2022 to 2032) by promoting more sustainable business practices such as:
 - a) Accessing the City Centre outside of peak congestion times
 - b) Aiming to transition to electric vehicles
 - c) Using recyclable or recycled packaging

By supporting The Charter, The City of York Council commits to prioritizing the long-term stability of established local Street Traders who have been an integral part of York's community and identity for decades.

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