

## **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.