

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting4th September 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Street Cafe Furniture and A-Boards

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on a Scrutiny Review of Street Café Furniture and A-Boards.

The Committee, from a suggestion the Urban Environment Task Group, examined the issue of the location of advertising boards, street café furniture, and shop goods on the highway that would both support economic vitality without adversely impacting on pedestrians and other highway users.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Guidance documents be issued by Stockton Borough Council, following consultation, for street cafes, A-Boards and shop goods displays on the adopted highway across the borough.
2. The guidance be communicated to stakeholders and other interested parties thorough an effective communication strategy.
3. The implementation of the guidance be largely self-regulatory with a light touch enforcement intervention where appropriate.
4. The impact of the guidance be measured and, with input from businesses and disability groups, a report produced after six months from the date of adoption of the guidance.
5. The issue of the guidance relating to A-Boards, street cafes and shop goods does not replace any requirements for planning consent, street trading or Licensing approval.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The use of A-Boards by businesses and permitting cafés to have areas of seating on footpaths in the borough town centres have been increasing. The Committee's aim is provide a balance between business encouragement, and the vibrancy it creates in our town centres and any difficulties negotiating items of café furniture, A-Boards and shop goods on the highways for everyone but especially visually impaired people, mobility aid users, and those with pushchairs.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 12th September 2014

Proper Officer
08 September 2014