Strategic Policy Committee



Economic Development & Enterprise Tuesday 24th July 2018

Agenda Item 6: Casual Trading Fees & Hours

Report on the Public Consultation for the Draft Dublin City Council Casual Trading (fees) Bye-Laws

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The City Council, following a recommendation from the Economic Development, Enterprise and International Relations Strategic Policy Committee, agreed at its February 2018 monthly meeting that the statutory consultation process with regard to proposed Casual Trading (fees) Bye-Laws be initiated. Due to a threatened appeal and after legal advice was sought it was felt prudent to re advertise and rerun the consultation from 28th May 2018 to 28th June 2018 with a further two weeks to 12th July 2018 for receipt of submissions.

Consultation Process

Notice of the public consultation appeared in the *Irish Independent, Irish Times and the Herald* on 25th May 2018 and the public consultation process commenced on 28th May 2018. The Council accepted representations in writing and online from members of the public up to Friday 12th July 2018. 28 submissions were received relevant to the Fees Bye-Laws.

Summary of submissions

The majority of the submissions received related to the level of fees and the operational hours. A summary of all submissions is attached.

Following the required public consultation process a minor amended to the draft draft bye-laws has been made clarifying the fees for Meeting House Square and Cows Lane (€50 per pitch per day). The draft Bye-Laws are now being submitted to this Committee for approval for submission to the City Council for adoption.

The making or amending of Bye-Laws is a Reserved Function of the Members of the City Council. It is recommended that the Strategic Policy Committee propose to the City Council that the draft bye-laws be formally adopted.

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Summary of relevant submissions

| Submission | Category | Main Points / Comments |
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| 33 | Member of public | Clarification of fees. |
| 41 | Trader | (Meeting House Square)(MHS) Seeking Earlier start |
| 42 | Trader insurance broker (Represents Moore Street, O'Connell Bridge, Coles Lane, Duke Street, Harry Street) | Objects to increase in fees |
| 45 | Trader | Objects to increase in fees.(MHS) Seeking Earlier trading hours |
| 47 | Trader | Merrion Square - requests longer hours |
| 48 | Trader | Objects to high fees |
| 49 | Trader | Objects to increase in fees(MHS) Seeking Longer hours |
| 50 | Senior Executive Officer, College Green Project | Suggests starting at 11am instead of 9am |
| 55 | Trader | Moore street – requests extra week trading Christmas |
| 57 | Member of public | First-time casual traders to get a free 3 month trial First-time casual traders to be given option of paying in instalments for their first year |
| 58 | Trader | Seeks Clarification of fees |
| 60 | Trader | Moore Street – seeks Sunday trading |
| 70 | Trader | Objects to increase of fees(MHS) Seeking Longer hours |

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| 72 | Trader | Fees too highSeeking Sunday and lateThursday trading |
| 80 | Trader | (MHS) Longer hoursSeeking Sunday and laterThursday trading |
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| 92 | Trader | Fees too high(MHS) Seeking Longer hours |
| 93 | Trader | (MHS) Seeking Longer hours 9- 5 |
| 94 | Buskers | No change to hours at Christmas |