

Title of Report:	THE SHOPS (SUNDAY TRADING ETC) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1997. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SUNDAY TRADING HOURS
Committee Report Submitted To:	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	12TH JANUARY 2021
For Decision or For Information	FOR INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Engaged and Healthy communities
Outcome	Implementation of statutory Requirement
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members in respect of a further relaxation of Sunday trading hours for large shops in order to facilitate key workers, the vulnerable and elderly and assist operators with social distancing requirements.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Shops (Sunday Trading etc) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 permits larger shops (floor area > 280m²) to trade only between the hours of 1300-1800hrs on a Sunday.
- 2.2 Due to ongoing Covid-19 crisis, a decision has been taken to continue to relax the trading hours for these premises for an additional 3 hours between 1000hrs to 1300hrs every Sunday during the calendar month of January 2021.
- 2.2 In line with restrictions only outlets that sell essential goods will be able to remain open during the period of restriction.
- 2.3 Such stores will be able to trade from 1000hrs to 1800hrs on a Sunday during January 2021. The choice to trade during this extended period will be a matter for individual operators.
- 2.4 From Sunday 7th February, trading hours will revert to that previously agreed, 1200hrs-1800hrs until further notice. Normal Easter Sunday restrictions will however remain in place.
- 2.5 These arrangements are in line with other NI Councils, will be continuously reviewed and will revert to those within the Order as soon as circumstances permit or directed by Government.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the report be noted.