

PAVEMENT CAFÉ LICENSING - PUBLIC CONSULTATION On Guidance for Applicants	6th June 2017
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR INFORMATION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Accelerating Our Economy and Contributing to Prosperity
Outcome	Implementation of Licensing of Pavement Cafes Act (NI) 2014
Lead Officer	Head of Health and Built Environment
Cost: (If applicable)	None

Background

At Environmental Services Committee of April 2017 ES170404 item5 members were advised that the Health and Built Environment section were launching a public consultation on its Guidance for Applicants on Licensing of Pavements cafes and its Equality and Screening Policy documentation on this Guidance. Three consultations responses were received from Guide Dogs NI, Royal National Institute of Blind People Northern Ireland and Causeway and Glens Active Network Branch.

Key issues

Each of these organisations have made representation with respect to the fact that the 2011 Census reported that *“30862 people experience some type of long term condition relating to blindness or partial sight representing 1.7% of the population. In the Causeway Coast and Glen Council area it has been identified that there are 2206 people who or blind or partially sighted”*.

In general concerns were raised that the creation of Pavement cafes shall not add further barriers to inclusion for those with sight loss. Officers are currently considering each of these organisations responses in relation to the Guidance Document with an aim to provide clarity in relation to the issues identified. Individual responses will be prepared to the correspondence received and a copy of the final Guidance for Applicants on the Licensing of Pavement Cafes will be provided for member’s consideration at the next Environmental Services Committee.