

1. PROHIBITED DOG AREA (CATHEDRAL SQUARE) DISPENSATION

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The purpose of this report is to seek a decision as to whether dispensation should be granted for an activity in the prohibited area of Cathedral Square.

The Council has received a letter from Mr Phillip Robinson of 15 Clydesdale Street, Linwood requesting dispensation for his dog to be allowed in the prohibited area of Cathedral Square.

The Christchurch City Dog Control Bylaw 1997 prohibits dogs from entering or remaining upon any part of a prohibited dog area, except as authorised by the Council by resolution made under this clause. Cathedral Square is one of the prohibited dog areas.

Mr Robinson is a busker and has an entertainment act that involves his fox terrier dog called "Miss Polly Ester". The dog appears to be a key component in the act and carries out tricks for the watching public. Mr Robinson intends that his dog act will be in conjunction with and supporting the "Wizard's" display.

The dispensation period requested from Mr Robinson is 12.30pm until 3.30pm three days a week depending on the weather. There is no specified period of time, however Mr Robinson has suggested the entire year.

The Council may grant dispensation in accordance with clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council grant Mr Robinson a six month dispensation trial period in accordance with clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990 to allow his dog "Miss Polly Ester" to enter and remain in the prohibited area of Cathedral Square.
 2. That the dispensation apply for three days per week only, between the hours of 12.30pm and 3.30pm on the same days.
 3. That his dog be kept under control by a leash at all times between the hours of 12.30pm and 3.30pm, unless actively involved in the entertainment act with Mr Robinson and that Mr Robinson ensure that all the dog faeces is removed forthwith to ensure the area is kept clean.
 4. That the Team Leader Animal Control monitor the act's effects through the Environment Committee and assess the long term implications of Mr Robinson's request, upon the completion of the six month trial period.
 5. That the trial dispensation cease immediately should the Team Leader Animal Control have any concerns as to the act's continuation.