

11. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC PLACES POLICY WORKING PARTY TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL RE TIMELINES FOR THE REVIEW

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek the approval of the Regulatory and Planning Committee that the Public Places Policy Working Party report directly to the Council on the matter of timelines; and that the Regulatory and Planning Committee resolve to add Councillor Claudia Reid to the membership of the Working Party.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 2 February 2009, the Regulatory and Planning Committee agreed to appoint a working party with the following terms of reference:

To work with staff to discuss the new operational policy relating to matters covered by the Public Places Bylaw and to make recommendations to the Regulatory and Planning Committee to that effect.

3. The operational policy is to be developed from a review of 12 existing policies. The policies all relate to the clauses in the Bylaw that regulate commercial activities and obstructions in public places (clauses 6 and 7). The 12 policies that need to be reviewed can be broadly grouped into four subject areas: structures on roads; signboards; market stalls; and busking.

Request to report directly to the Council

4. At its recent meeting (24 August 2009), the Working Party asked staff to prepare a timetable for the review of the 12 policies that sit under the Public Places Bylaw 2008, including restructuring the grouping of the reviews, and to present this information directly to the Council at its September meeting.
5. The terms of reference for the Working Party would normally require such a report to go to the Regulatory and Planning Committee before being referred to the Council. In this case, the timeframes are very tight, and so the Working Party has asked that approval be sought to go to Council directly.
6. The Working Party and staff have been working on the reviews for more than six months, but progress has been slow. The Working Party wishes to expedite things at this stage in order to set out an agreed process and timeline that will allow relevant parts of the reviews to be completed within the current Council term, and to ensure that the Council as a whole is satisfied with this approach.

Request to add to the membership of the Working Party

7. At its 2 February meeting, the Regulatory and Planning Committee also agreed that the membership of the Public Places Policy Working Party consist of Councillors Johanson, Shearing, Wall, and Wells, and that Councillor Wells be appointed as Chairperson.
8. Councillor Claudia Reid has expressed an interest in being on the Working Party. The Working Party agreed at its recent meeting to seek a resolution from the Regulatory and Planning Committee to add Councillor Reid to its membership.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. None applicable.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

10. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. Not applicable.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

12. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

14. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Regulatory and Planning Committee agree that:

- (a) A report setting out a timeline for the reviews can go directly to the Council, without first being considered by the Regulatory and Planning Committee.
- (b) Councillor Claudia Reid be appointed to the Public Places Policy Working Party.