

6. STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on a proposal considered at its March meeting involving trading in the street taking and selling photographs to tourists and other persons. The Committee decided to seek a further report from Council officers on the appropriateness of establishing licensed sites in the central business area from which photographers could operate photo opportunity businesses.

“HOTSHOTS”

The proposal before the Committee at the last meeting was from Eric and Paulette McPherson, Managing Directors of “Hotshots”. Further discussions have been held with Mrs McPherson, who has confirmed that a static site would not be suitable for their proposed venture. A number of possible sites and venues that do not involve trading on the street have been suggested and these are being investigated further. At this time therefore “Hotshots” do not want a stall site in the central business area (although Mrs McPherson did indicate that they could be interested in a site in Victoria Square should such a site become available).

STALL SITES IN CENTRAL BUSINESS AREA

As noted in the earlier report from Terence Moody, the selling of photographs and frames on the street comes under the provisions of the *Christchurch City Public Places and Signs Bylaw 1992; clause 6 Trading in Public Places*.

..., no person shall sell or hire, or expose for sale or hire, any goods, wares, merchandise or services, or sell or expose for sale any food, on any road or public place without a licence issued by the Council and only in compliance with the conditions imposed by that licence.

At present, Council policy is that stall sites should be limited in numbers and locations and allocated in accordance with the Stall Site Licensing Policy. (Copy attached to this report) If it was considered that a further site or sites was desirable, then the allocation of such site(s) would have to be in accordance with the Licensing Policy. Council could specify that the site or sites were only for the purposes of street photography and/or as a base for photo opportunity businesses. There is currently a site in the Square allocated for photography of tourists and it is doubtful that there would be a great demand for any further fixed sites

As stated above, the “Hotshots” proposal does not suit a fixed site and the provision of further stall sites for commercial photography purposes does not appear to be appropriate or necessary at this time.

Recommendation: That the information be received and no further action be taken at this time in relation to the provision of stall sites for street photographers.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the officer’s recommendation be approved.