

**Chairman's Announcements**

**Invitation to comment on a proposed new council-wide street trading scheme**

Wiltshire Council's Licensing Committee considered a report on the future of street trading at its meeting on 30 November 2010.

There is currently no harmonised street trading policy for the Wiltshire Council area. This is because the former District Councils controlled street trading in different ways.

The Licensing Committee agreed to introduce a new harmonised consent street trading scheme across the Wiltshire Council area. This will provide a flexible means of controlling street trading activity and allow greater scope for local involvement in decision making through a thorough consultation process for all applications for Street Trading Consents.

A new scheme needs to be introduced to ensure:

- all street traders in Wiltshire have the same rights, pay the same fees and are subject to the same application procedure, terms and conditions
- the council has adequate powers to remove illegal street traders and protect legal street traders and local businesses.

Council officers have produced a draft scheme for formal consultation with all interested parties (including area boards, street traders, members of the public, local businesses, town and parish councils, farmers markets organisation, chambers of commerce and MPs) and would like to invite general comments and feedback on the proposed scheme.

A full copy of the proposed scheme and consultation survey will be available on the Wiltshire Council website **from 17 January**. All interested parties should return **written responses** to the Wiltshire Council Licensing Team **by 17 March**. Any responses received after the closing date will not be taken into consideration by council officers.

If members of the public or interested groups would like to complete the survey form, it will be available on the Wiltshire Council website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>.

Written responses should be emailed to [alissa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:alissa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk) or returned to the Wiltshire Council Licensing Team at Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER.

For further information or to request a printed copy of the proposed street trading scheme and consultation survey, please contact Alissa Davies on 01249 706414.