



Subject:	Implementation of the Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
Date:	21st October, 2015
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Is this report restricted?	Yes	No	X
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	X No	

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Members will recall that, at your meeting on 16 th September 2015, you considered a draft response from the Council to working draft guidelines which had been produced by the Department for Social Development (DSD) to assist district councils with the implementation of the statutory licensing scheme contained in the Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014. The Act can be accessed via the following link: <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2014/9/enacted</u>
1.2	After consideration, the Committee endorsed the draft response to the consultation document and agreed that officials from DSD be invited to attend a future meeting in order to discuss in greater detail a number of issues which had been raised within the response.
1.3	Those decisions were subsequently ratified by the Council at its meeting on 1 st October.
1.4	A copy of the Council's response to the DSD is attached at Appendix 1.
1.5	The Council has now received a request from Mr. Colin Neill, Chief Executive of Hospitality Ulster, seeking to address the Committee on the same issue. (Appendix 2)
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to receive the representatives from both the Social Policy Unit of the DSD and Hospitality Ulster to discuss issues arising from the draft working guidelines to the Pavement Cafés Act.

3.0	Main report
	Key Issues
3.1	Mr. Liam Quinn and Mr. Gary McAlorum from the DSD's Social Policy Unit have confirmed they are available to address Committee to answer any queries Members may have.
3.2	Mr. Colin Neill, Chief Executive from Hospitality Ulster, has been invited to the meeting and, subject to your approval, is available to address Committee and answer any queries Members may have.
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.3	None.
	Equality and Good Relations Implications
3.4	There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.
4.0	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Council response to the draft guidelines and invitation to attend Committee
	Appendix 2 – Letter from Mr. Colin Neill, Hospitality Ulster, requesting permission to address the Committee
	Appendix 3 - Guidelines to Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 and correspondence from DSD dated 3 July 2015.