



Subject:	Application for the grant of a Stationary Street Trading Licence - Lombard Street
Date:	10th November, 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider an application from Mr. Tiarnan O’Kane for the grant of a Stationary Street Trading Licence for a designated site in Lombard Street, at its junction with Rosemary Street, for the sale of telecommunication products and services, namely Talk Talk home phone and broadband.
1.2	Mr. O’Kane has applied to operate at the site from Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 6.30 pm and on Sunday from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, using a 2m by 2m gazebo type stall.
1.3	The size of the stall is larger than a normal City centre street trading pitch, which is 3m x 1.5m (4.5sqm) as stated at Section 5.4 of the Stall Design Policy. Members are, however, advised that Section 5.9 of the Policy allows in any individual case, and for whatever reason, that the Committee may decide to grant a design which varies from the agreed Policy and that such a decision would not be taken to have created any kind of precedent in respect of future applications.
1.4	The Committee has previously granted licences for larger pitch sizes in Lower Garfield Street, Winetavern Street, Donegall Quay and Blackstaff Square. The location of the site can easily accommodate the slightly larger stall.
1.5	There are no objections to the larger stall size.
1.6	During the hours of trading, there will be two staff members operating at the stall. A customer will complete a financial contract providing their personal and financial details in order to obtain Talk Talk home phone and broadband services.
1.7	Mr. O’Kane has never previously held a Street Trading Licence in Belfast. The application also complies with the designation resolution for the site.

<p>3.6</p>	<p>However, Belfast City Centre Management has objected to the application. It has stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the area already has two businesses selling the same items as those being proposed. These are 4 ur Phone located at 49 Rosemary Street (above Suitor Menswear) and Phone Inc. located at 9 Lombard Street. • the area has undergone some small scale regeneration works and is due to go through the Restore Project, which improves the aesthetics of shop fronts and buildings. The proposed stall is not in keeping with the style of the street. • in the past year, the traders have formed a trader' group for Lombard and Rosemary Street businesses. One of their main aims is to either reduce the size of the air monitoring unit at the High Street junction or work to get this removed entirely. The businesses are not in favour of another structure being present on the street. <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p>
<p>3.7</p>	<p>If the Committee grants a Licence, the Stationary Street Trading Licence fee is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Fee of £100, and • A Licence fee, for Monday to Sunday, of £1017 per annum <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
<p>3.8</p>	<p>There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Documents Attached</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Transport NI and PSNI Letters of no objection.</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Belfast City Centre Management objection</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Photograph of Mr O’Kane’s stall</p>