

Title of Report: Sunday Trading	Officer Presenting: Director of Health & Community Author: Head of Health & Community Wellbeing
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider whether the Council should extend the designated area or specific part(s) of the Council area as a holiday resort under the provisions of Article 6 of the Shops (Sunday Trading & c) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

2 Background

- 2.1 The provisions of the Shops (Sunday Trading & c) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 allows for large shops (those with a relevant floor area of more than 280 square metres) to open at any time between 1pm and 6pm on Sundays (other than Easter Sunday or when Christmas Day falls on a Sunday). The legislation also allows District Councils to designate any area in its district as a holiday resort. In such designated areas large shops may open at any time on Sunday on up to 18 Sundays (other than Easter Sunday) between 1 March and 30 September in any calendar year.
- 2.2 The former Derry City Council designated its entire area as a holiday resort in 1998. This allowed the occupiers of large shops in the former Derry City Council area to give notice to the Council specifying up to 18 Sundays that they intended to open from the period 1st March to 30th September.
- 2.2 A register of such notices received each year for additional permitted opening hours for the former Derry City Council area is held by Council. No notices for additional permitted opening hours were received prior to 2013, however during 2013 the former Derry City Council received seventeen notifications that coincided with a major City of Culture Event and in 2014 one notification was received. From 2015 one, four and five notifications have been received each year.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 Derry City and Strabane District Council have received notifications in 2016 and in 2017 from several large stores that have outlets in both Derry City and Strabane town centre. Within the current Sunday trading arrangements the outlets in Derry will have additional permitted opening hours whilst the outlets in Strabane will be restricted to the permitted Sunday opening hours of 1 pm-6pm.

- 3.2 A public consultation process was carried from the 31/03/2017 to the 30/04/2017 as agreed by Council ((HC 182/16). Public notices were placed in local newspapers and on the Council's website. No comments were received during the consultation period.
- 3.3 A deputation from the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) attended Health and Community Committee on 06 July 2017 and presented a briefing for members to consider as part of the decision making process.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 No significant implications have been identified and there are no fees charged for the registration process.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members consider whether to designate the legacy Strabane District Council area as a holiday resort under Article 6 of the Shops (Sunday Trading & c) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

Background Papers

None