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Review of Street Trading controls in Chichester city centre

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Council passes a resolution for the re-designation of Crane Street and part of St Martins Street, Chichester from ‘prohibited streets’ to ‘consent streets’ to take effect from 1 August 2016.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 1 December 2015 Cabinet considered and agreed a request received from the Chichester Business Improvement District (the ‘BID’) to review the existing restrictions in place for Crane Street and the part of St Martin’s Street that runs in a northerly direction from its junction with East Street to adjacent number 4 St Martin’s Street.
- 3.2 As part of the current street trading restrictions Crane Street and St Martin’s Street are ‘prohibited streets’ under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (the ‘Act’). Therefore in order for bona fide street trading to take place at either location the existing designation must be changed to ‘consent streets’.
- 3.3 It was agreed that officers undertake the necessary steps to vary the existing designations and it be recommended that Council pass a subsequent resolution.
- 3.4 A ‘Notice of Intention’ was duly published in the Observer newspaper series on 24 March 2016 setting out the Council’s intention to pass such a resolution. Comments were invited by 20 April 2016. At the time of compiling this report no adverse comments had been received. Officers will provide Council with an oral update if the position changes.
- 3.5 On 1 April 2016 a supportive comment was received from the BID Manager which amongst other things stated there was “.....a lot of work being done by the BID to raise the profile of Crane Street....” and that the BID were “....pleased progress was being made...” to achieve this with the support of Chichester District Council.

4. Outcomes to be achieved.

4.1 In order to achieve the desired outcome i.e. diversity in the shopping facilities and an enhanced visitor experience when in Chichester city centre Council are now being asked to approve the proposed resolution which is hoped will increase trade and vibrancy into some of the side streets of the city.

5. Proposal.

5.1 That Council make the resolution for officers to proceed with the necessary actions to change the designation of Crane Street and the part of St Martin's Street as described in paragraph 3.1 above in accordance with the Act to take effect from 1 August 2016.

6. Alternatives that have been considered.

6.1 Do nothing – retain both Crane Street and St Martin's Street as 'prohibited streets', however, this would not address the request made by the BID to lift the restrictions in these areas to allow the outcomes described in 4.1 above.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

7.1 If a resolution is passed the statutory process will be progressed including the placing of two further public notices. Increasing the area of the consent streets could result in additional trading applications.

8. Consultation

8.1 The consultation undertaken is described in sections 3.4 and 3.5 above. Also, as referred to above, two further public notices will be published if a resolution is passed. However the decision is not subject to further consultation.

9. Community impact and corporate risks

9.1 No corporate risks have been identified and there is minimal impact on the community by re-designating the described areas as consent streets.

10. Other Implications

Crime and Disorder	None
Climate Change	None
Human Rights and Equality Impact	None
Safeguarding	None

11. Background Papers

None

12. Appendices

None