

1. TABLES AND CHAIRS LICENCE AGREEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting was to consider and hear applications for licences for street furniture in respect of premises which did not comply with the Council's Public Street Enclosure Policy, adopted on 26 September 2002.

The policy provides that in those instances where applications are likely to have significant effects then they are to be referred to the Central City Streets Subcommittee for decision.

In this case it was considered that as the applications were the first to be considered under the new policy, and significant precedents would be involved, they should be referred to the Subcommittee for a decision.

The meeting of the Subcommittee considered applications in respect of the following premises, as detailed in the report contained in the agenda (attached as Attachment 1):

- The Tap Room, Oxford Terrace - street furniture and enclosure panels
- The Bog Irish Bar, City Mall - street furniture
- The Boulevard, Oxford Terrace - level four full enclosure
- The Board Room, (Hereford Street - front enclosure)

Mr Paul Sisson, Bog Irish Bar, Mr Louis Vieceli, Tap Room and Messrs David Lynch and Alan Cowie on behalf of the proprietors of the Boulevard attended and spoke to the Subcommittee in support of their applications.

In respect of the level four enclosure for the Boulevard it was reported that the existing 'Red Tent' enclosure had now been removed and that the proprietors did not wish to reinstate this but wished to discuss an alternative form of enclosure with staff.

Following consideration of the written report on the applications from Victoria Murdoch, Property Projects Officer and the oral representations received from the applicants as detailed above, the Subcommittee **resolved**:

1. That the Tap Room's application to retain its furniture and side enclosures be approved (with the exception that the west-end panel be modified to comply with the policy) for the first licence term (four years), with the view that at the end of its fit-out life, the furniture is replaced with furniture that is in accordance with the policy.
2. That the Board Room's front enclosure not be approved, on the grounds that it does not comply with the Council's policy.
3. That the Bog Irish Bar furniture be approved for the first four year term of the licence on the basis that over that period some of the existing external bench seating is phased out, to be replaced with a mixture of bench and table seating, with details of this to be discussed between staff and the owner.
4. That 'The Boulevard' application to retain its level four enclosure be declined.
5. That the Property Manager in consultation with the Legal Services Unit be given authority to take enforcement action.