

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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Report of the Director of Highways and Transportation

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 'A' FRAMES AND TABLES AND CHAIRS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Summary

This paper provides an update on current policy for the management of temporary items of the Highway

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This report is an update on that made to previous meetings of the board and summarises the policy for items on the Highway.

1.1.2 Kent County Council has a Policy for the Management of temporary items on the Highway, see link to right of Applications page -

http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads_and_transport/highway_maintenance/applications_and_licences.aspx.

1.1.3 It is under this policy that Tables and Chairs are licensed and A-boards are managed - no licence is currently required to place an A-board on the highway. The application for Tables and Chairs on the highway is also on this page with a link to A-boards information.

1.1.4 The Policy governing the Tables and Chairs licence regime and the requirements for A-boards on the highway, focuses on maintaining pedestrian access at all times, setting a minimum 1.5m remaining footway that should be maintained with greater width being required at very busy times and locations.

1.1.5 Additionally Tables and Chairs, their enclosures and A-boards need to be of appropriate type/size for use on the highway. The position and times for any items placed on the highway are also key factors for highway users. Those placing items are encouraged to look at the effect on the highway, on highway users and their customers, with reference to the information provided and requirements of the policy. Planning permission may also be required in some circumstances.

1.1.6 A list of A-board requirements specified by Kent County Council is attached at **Annex 1**

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None at this stage.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 Not applicable

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Not applicable.

1.5 Policy Considerations

1.5.1 Community.

Background papers:

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Nil

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