

(b) USE OF THE CITY SQUARE – PROHIBITION OF COMMERCIAL USE (AN2-2018)

Members of the Committee will be aware that the current policy regarding events in the City Square prohibits any commercial use or promotion of commercial businesses. Due to the increasing number of events elsewhere in the city, approaches have been made for the Committee to reconsider the policy prohibiting commercial events in the Square. Discussions have taken place with the City Centre Manager and she has indicated that she would be willing, if the Committee are prepared to remove this prohibition, to consider accepting bookings for the Square from commercial enterprises. The members of the Committee are asked whether to continue applying this policy. In the event that the policy is relaxed, it is suggested that a fee be charged by the Licensing Committee for any application for use of the City Square for commercial purposes to cover the cost of processing the applications. The fee could perhaps be the same as a standard licence which is £140. This would be in addition to any charge made by City Development for the lease of the Square for such events.