

Report To:	Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee	Date:	30 June 2020
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Subject:	Shops Reopening – 29 June 2020		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the situation regarding the temporary suspension of parking at certain locations to facilitate social distancing on footways as shops reopen.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Members will recall previous discussions at this Committee regarding removing parking to facilitate outside trading for restaurants and cafes and also to create space for social distancing when shops open.
- 2.2 The issues were discussed with Members at an All Members' Briefing on 18 June 2020.
- 2.3 Officers indicated at the Briefing that our best estimate for the reopening of shops was 15 July 2020. On the afternoon of 18 June 2020, however the First Minister announced that non-essential shops with direct access to open space could open on 29 June 2020. The First Minister referred to the need for town centres to be ready for this.
- 2.4 Guidance was to be issued by the Scottish Government in advance of 29 June 2020. Guidance had not been issued however by last Sunday, 28 June 2020. Measures to protect footways were implemented on Sunday evening. This was to ensure that if footfall was significant on 29 June, 2 metre social distancing could be maintained. In the absence of official guidance from the Scottish Government, officers followed guidance issued by Sustrans. It is very likely that the Scottish Government Guidance will align with this.
- 2.5 Measures were implemented on Sunday 28 June 2020 and have been under constant review. Where footfall has remained low and there have been no issues in respect of social distancing, parking restrictions have been removed.
- 2.6 Officers seek to ensure that there is no detriment to trading and restrictions will only be applied if absolutely necessary to facilitate social distancing.
- 2.7 Space will be retained outside cafes and restaurants to facilitate street trading, potentially from 6 July 2020.
- 2.8 Committee may need to be further updated if Guidance is issued in the next few days or if there is a change in the social distancing rule.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Executive Sub-Committee notes the actions of officers to support the opening of non-essential shops.

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4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A.					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A.					

4.2 Legal

There are no legal implications other than as noted within this report.

4.3 Human Resources

N/A.

4.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
✓	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
✓	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES –
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NO - This report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

4.5 **Repopulation**

N/A.

5.0 **CONSULTATION**

5.1 N/A.

6.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 N/A.