

The Government has recently introduced the Business & Planning Bill, which is expected to get Royal Assent in early July 2020. This introduces a concept of Pavement Licences, which means a streamlined route for businesses such as cafes, restaurants and bars to secure a licence to place furniture on the highway. This is intended to support them to operate safely while social distancing measures remain in place. At present, the draft legislation makes no reference to whether this function is to be discharged by the Executive or the Council. In the absence of any specific statutory provision, Section 9D of the Local Government Act 2000 provides that it shall be an Executive function and therefore the Leader has been asked to delegate the functions to the necessary Officers. However, in the event that the Bill, when made law, includes such a provision which makes this a Council function, the Regulatory Committee are asked to make the following delegations to the listed officers, to ensure that these functions can be discharged in a timely way.

Delegation to:   Head of Regulatory Services  
                           Public Protection Manager  
                           Licensing Team Leader

Column 1 Legislation	Column 2 Brief Description	Column 3 Conditions/Exclusions/Limitations/Notes
Business & Planning Act 2020 (Part I)	To exercise the Council's powers and functions in relation to Pavement Licences	