



Petitions Committee

13 June 2014

Time 10.00 am **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** n/a

Venue Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

Membership

Chair Cllr Val Evans (Lab)
Vice-chair Cllr Arun Photay (Con)

Labour

Cllr Judith Rowley
Cllr Alan Bolshaw
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal
Cllr Daniel Warren

Conservative

Liberal Democrat

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Agenda

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[To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.] |
| 4 | Matters arising
[To consider any matters arising from the minutes.] |
| 5 | Schedule of petitions (Pages 7 - 12)
[To receive an update on the schedule and feedback on all on-going petitions.] |

DECISION ITEMS

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| 6 | Bilston Market - Objection to the Increase In Fees & Charges 2014/15 (Pages 13 - 22)
[To consider the petition.] |
| 7 | Vermin in St Giles Crescent
[To consider the petition.] |



Petitions Committee

Minutes – 21 March 2014

Attendance

Members of the Committee

Cllr Val Evans (Chair)
Cllr Harbans Bagri
Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Judith Rowley
Cllr Paula Brookfield
Cllr Mark Evans

In attendance

Employees

Keith Bradshaw	Section Leader, Transport - Delivery
Steve Barlow	Environmental Health Manager – Education and Enterprise
Mandy Woolley	Wolverhampton Homes
Andy Bryant	Wolverhampton Homes
Sarah Hardwick	Senior Legal - Delivery
Matthew Vins	Graduate Management Trainee – Delivery
Tessa Johnson	Graduate Management Trainee – Delivery

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MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- 2 Declarations of interests**
Cllr Mark Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to item six due to his work within the Police.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (28 February 2014)**
Resolved:
That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Matters arising**

Cllr O'Neill sought clarification of the legislation regarding the rights of travellers on the highways. He asked for an extract from the civil procedures rules and noted the issues about the obstruction of vehicles on the highway.

Sarah Hardwick advised the committee about part 55 of the Civil Procedure Rules in respect of travellers on private land or on the highway. She explained that the same procedure applied for both public highway and private land, and explained that in either situation the matter would need to go through the civil courts to get an order of possession.

Cllr O'Neill enquired as to what constituted an obstruction of the highway. He emphasised the need for a multi-agency approach to deal with people living on the highway in a caravan, and noted that this would not be tolerated elsewhere in the City.

Sarah Hardwick advised the committee that under the Highways Act, criminal proceedings would need to be initiated as opposed to civil proceedings. She explained that the police, Council and Wolverhampton Homes all had powers under various pieces of legislation. She highlighted that in 2003 the Council obtained an injunction preventing travellers settling in Broome Road. However, the Council experienced difficulty enforcing under the injunction primarily resulting from them not being able to identify individuals who were to be committed for breach of the injunction.

Cllr Mark Evans enquired about the length of time to evict the travellers once an order was posted under Part 55 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

Sarah Hardwick explained that once the courts had issued the order, it was possible to evict them very quickly, and the possession order was valid for 12 months, however she advised that should the travellers return, the Council would still need to return to Court for a writ of restitution.

5. **Schedule of Petitions**

Matt Vins provided an update to the schedule of Petitions. He highlighted that a number of petitions had been recommended to be closed following the end of consultation.

Resolved:

1. That the schedule of petitions including the updates be noted.
2. That the 'Traffic Calming Measures in Austin Street and Jameson Street' petition be closed.
3. That the 'Removal of seating area in Upton Green, Fordhouses' petition be closed.
4. That the 'Parking adjacent to West Park' petition be closed.

DECISION ITEMS

6. **Broome Road and Hawksford Crescent**

Steve Barlow presented the report which provided an update about the Broome Road and Hawksford Crescent petition. He explained that they had convened a multi-agency meeting on 13 December to discuss a strategy to deal with the situation as described in the petition. He indicated that they had visited the site four times, and met with the petitioners to identify their wants. He confirmed that each agency was exploring all possible opportunities within their own legislature.

Keith Bradshaw advised the committee that they had explored the implications of setting up a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in the Broome Road and Hawksford Crescent area. He indicated that consultation had taken place, and of the 19% of households which had responded, he explained that 75% were in favour of a TRO. He noted that the process was quite long and costly.

Councillors raised concerns about classifying the problem as a parking issue and they highlighted that the travellers were living, not parking, on the highway. They suggested that the most effective way of removing the caravans was through the legal process.

Steve Barlow advised the committee that they currently used Part 55 of the Civil Procedure Rules, and outlined the legal process that had to be followed. This included undertaking an assessment of needs for the travellers, attendance at court, serving notice and if this did not achieve the desired effect, then the Council needed to obtain a writ of possession and engage bailiff staff to evict them. He explained this would typically take ten to 14 days, and noted that any attempt to circumnavigate the procedure would result in possible legal challenge and yet further delays to the process.

Steve Perry, from the West Midlands Police, advised the committee of a variety of issues with regards to the possible parking solution. He explained that unhitched caravans fell outside the road traffic regulations offence, and he indicated that it was hard to prove wilful obstruction to a court in this instance. Following a question from a Councillor, he agreed to explore the specific width requirements for manoeuvring on the pavement.

Andy Bryant advised the committee that Wolverhampton Homes had conducted over 60 site visits to Broome Road and Hawksford Crescent to locate breaches of the tenancy agreement. He highlighted that a lot of visits had been conducted out of office hours, and indicated this had resulted in 50% of visits providing staff with new evidence of tenancy breaches. He noted that a clear up of waste dumped on a site in Broome Road had to be abandoned because workers were surrounded by travellers, and indicated that as a result of this a surveillance camera had been set up which had deterred further fly-tipping. He explained that reports of anti-social behaviour in the area remained low, but he informed the committee that complaints about dogs in the area had been reported, and that Royal Mail had suspended delivery in the area due to the dogs. He highlighted that he had recently received a complaint from an independent resident who was willing to identify themselves, and

this had resulted in two dogs being removed from the area.

Mandy Woolley further indicated that a total of five properties had breached their tenancy agreements during site visits. She explained that Wolverhampton Homes was seeking possession or had written letters of warning to those residents concerned. She advised the committee that they would continue to gather evidence in the area.

Cllr Mark Evans enquired what the objectives of the multi-agency approach were. He asked if the aim was to tolerate the situation and manage the fallout or to remove them. He emphasised that in other parts of the City they would have been removed immediately.

Steve Barlow explained that agencies could only work within the legal powers available to them and currently the majority, if not all of them, were reactive powers.

Steve Perry highlighted the difficulties in achieving a solution through the legal process and suggested the best way to deal with the situation was through putting pressure on residents to abide by their tenancy agreements.

The petitioners explained that it was access to electricity and water which was provided by residents which caused the travellers to locate to the area.

Cllr Rowley enquired about section 55, and asked how the travellers could return if the notice was valid for 12 months.

Sarah Hardwick advised that because the process was through the civil court, there was no contempt of court, and as a result, the Council would have to keep taking the travellers to court each time they returned. She noted that if the travellers could be identified, the Council might be able to enforce under the injunction for contempt of court if they returned.

Steve Barlow explained that the efforts by the multi-agency approach were making it more uncomfortable for the travellers in the area. He highlighted an Act that had just received royal assent and would possibly be enacted in October which he hoped would provide more powers to remove travellers.

Following a question by a Councillor, Mandy Woolley informed the committee that Wolverhampton Homes was confident it knew the correct people were residing in each property.

Andy Bryant highlighted that properties in the area had areas of hard standing where caravans could be placed on a temporary basis to aid the traveller community, but noted that the travellers were not making use of this provision.

Councillors agreed that a lot of progress had taken place, but they suggested that the approach lacked the right tools. They suggested that the Act that would possibly be enacted in October needed to be scrutinised to see if the required powers were granted. They further indicated that if the required powers were not contained in the

Act, then the Council should write to Emma Reynolds MP and advise that there was a gap in the law.

Keith Bradshaw informed the committee that the TRO would apply to all vehicles in the area, and that it could not just apply to caravans. Following a question about workmen in the area, he advised that the Council would be able to issue permits to allow people to park in the area.

Cllr O'Neill suggested that the TRO was not appropriate if it could not just apply to caravans. He explained that there should be no toleration of caravans on the highway, and enquired if it was possible to have a by-law for the whole of the authority to ban unhitched caravans from the highway.

Sarah Hardwick advised the committee that a bye-law would need to be approved by the Secretary of State and noted that approval would not easily be obtained when the model byelaws were departed from. She further indicated that the necessary evidence to reinforce the argument would be difficult to gather. The petitioners referred to the efforts of Basildon Council to remove travellers from parking in the road.

Steve Barlow advised that the same rules of possession under part 55 still applied, but noted that if there were more than six caravans there were further possible powers available to colleagues in the Police for their consideration..

Resolved:

1. That the progress in respect of the Broome Road and Hawksford Crescent petition be noted and endorsed
2. To agree that a further report is brought to the Petitions Committee in September
3. To agree that the ASB and Police Act possibly enacted in October be scrutinised, and to write to Emma Reynolds MP if the required legislation was not contained in the Act.
4. To progress the formal Traffic Regulation Order consultation process.

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Wolverhampton Petitions Register

Date petition received	Service group	Issue raised	Area of City [Ward]	Councillors Notified	Action Taken/Outcomes Contact officer
11.03.14	Delivery	Vermin in property in St Giles Crescent	East Park	Councillors Reynolds, Findlay, Banger, Bedi and Inston.	Report produced and to be heard on 13 June Contact Officer: Andrew Finch Tel: 0241
10.03.14	Delivery	Bilston Market rent increase	Bilston North and Bilston East	Councillors Reynolds, Findlay, Gibson, Turner, Simkins, Constable, Leach and Page.	Report produced and to be heard on 13 June Contact Officer: Chris Huddart Tel: 6788
15.07.13	Education and Enterprise	Prohibit Parking of Caravans and Large Vans on Broome Road and Hawksford Crescent	Bushbury South and Low Hill	Councillors Bilson, Findlay, O'Neill and Sweet	The Service Group has been advised of the petition and asked to undertake preliminary investigations. The Lead Petitioner attended the Committee on 18 October 2013. The Committee agreed to adjourn consideration of the petition in order for consideration to be given to the wider issues raised including anti- social behaviour and enforcement of tenancy conditions. The Committee revisited the petition at their next meeting on 22 November 2013 when both representatives from the Police

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 8</p>					<p>and Wolverhampton Homes were in attendance to try to resolve the problems encountered.</p> <p>The Committee supported the actions proposed for Wolverhampton Homes, the Police and the City Council in consultation with the Legal Officer to work together to draw up a protocol about encroachment of the highway and enforcement actions to be taken to address this with report back to the Committee on progress in three months' time.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Bob Willis Tel: 5790</p>
	27.06.11	Education and Enterprise	Prevent Speeding Traffic in Primrose Avenue/Wood Lane/School Lane	Bushbury North	Councillor Bilson, Findlay, Angus, Dehar and NA Patten

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					<p>speed campaign posters have been erected and the pedestrian crossing works have started on site. The Lead Petitioner has been contacted and informed of the proposed location of the speed warning signs.</p> <p>18.03.14 – The crossing facilities to be completed in School Lane in April 2014, and flashing slow signs have been placed in Wood Lane and Primrose Avenue.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Chris Barker Tel: 5725</p>
25.10.12	Education and Enterprise	Blockage of Turning Circle at Dunkley Street	St Peters	Councillors Bilson, NA Patten, Lawrence, Shah, T Singh	<p>The Service Group has been advised of the petition and asked to undertake preliminary investigations.</p> <p>The Lead Petitioner attended the Committee on 15 February 2013.</p> <p>The Committee supported the actions proposed to provide a No Waiting at Any Time Restriction at Dunkley Street. The proposal would be considered by the Transportation and Highways Management Board and if approved the restrictions would be formally advertised.</p> <p>The proposed “No Waiting at any Time” restrictions were approved for statutory consultation on 19 March 2012 and consultation was currently programmed to commence on 27 June 2013.</p>

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Page 10					<p>Following the consultation period objections had been received from the shopkeepers to the proposed lines. A meeting would be held with the Refuse Vehicle Operatives to talk through the turning heads.</p> <p>12.12.13 - Meeting with refuse collection vehicle to be undertaken early January.</p> <p>18.03.14 – Further consultation required with both the refuse collectors and the shop owners in the vicinity. Exploring the possible reduction of parking to allow for easier access to the site.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Chris Barker Tel: 5725</p>
10.08.12	Education and Enterprise	Street Trading in Pipers Row	St Peter's	Councillors Bilson, NA Patten, Lawrence, T Singh and Shah	<p>The Service Group had been advised of the petition and asked to undertake preliminary investigations</p> <p>Initially the petition was due to be considered at the Council meeting in September given that the Petitioner advised that there was 2,500 signatories. However, on closer scrutiny this had not been the case and therefore the Lead Petitioner had been advised of this and invited to attend the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee took the decision to refer the matter to the Cabinet Member Economic Regeneration and Prosperity in relation to timescales for the review and for the traders to be afforded the opportunity at that stage to be given the</p>

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Page 11					<p>opportunity of having their requests reconsidered. The Committee also asked for Licensing Committee to reconsider introducing an appeals process into their delegations.</p> <p>The review of the city centre street trading would be commenced in March 2013 this would involve finalising the proposals, formally consulting with stakeholders with a final report being produced for Members consideration in July, with a view to implementing proposals from 1 April 2014.</p> <p>20.12.13 – Colin Parr provided an update during the 20 December 2013 Petitions Committee. He explained various stakeholders had been consulted, and a survey had been carried out in the city centre. From this, six proposals had been drawn up which were scheduled to be put forward to Licensing and Cabinet in the next few months, followed by Full Council.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Colin Parr Tel: 0105</p>

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Petitions Committee

13 June 2014

Report title	Petition No 130-14 Bilston Market – Objection to the Increase In Fees & Charges 2014/15	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor John Reynolds City Services	
Wards affected	All	
Accountable director	Keith Ireland, Delivery	
Originating service	Commercial Services	
Accountable employee(s)	Chris Huddart	Head of Service
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	Email	Chris.huddart@wolverhampton.gov.uk
Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Committee is recommended:

1. To support the approved 2014/15 increase in fees and charges for the Markets Service applied to licence traders operating at Bilston Retail Market from 1 April 2014.

Recommendations for noting:

The Committee is recommended to note:

1. The issues raised in the petition having regard to the concerns raised by the market traders.

2. The percentage price increase that has been applied to the fees and charges over the past five years and comparisons with neighbouring councils.
3. The level of demand that currently exists for stalls on Bilston Indoor Market.
4. The rationale behind the fee increase applied and action taken by the Markets Service to mitigate any issues following the increase in fees and charges.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the petition received from the traders at Bilston Market objecting to the 2014/15 increase in fees and charges that will be applied to licenced traders operating at Bilston Retail Market from 1 April 2014.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At the Bilston Traders Forum meeting held on 23 January 2014, the Cabinet Member for City Services consulted with trader representatives about the proposed fees and charges that were going to be presented to the Cabinet (Resources) Panel meeting held on the 11 March 2014. The rationale for the increase in fees and charges was explained at the meeting and the views from traders were noted.
- 2.2 Cabinet (Resources) Panel held on 11 March 2014 approved the revised level of Markets Service fees and charges to take effect from 1 April 2014. Proposals approved included the following:
- 5% increase for all Markets Service licence fees and charges (Wolverhampton, Wednesfield and Bilston markets)
 - Amended trader incentive offer
- 2.4 The scale of the 5% increase to market traders varies according to the location of the stall. However, in general terms, the increase in cost per day ranges from £0.70 to £1.90. Detailed in Appendix A are all the costs relating to Bilston Market.

3.0 Key Considerations for Fees and Charges 2014/15

- 3.1 A number of key factors were taken into considerations when setting the fees and charges in 2014/15. These include the following:
- The financial position of the Market Service and Wolverhampton City Council as a whole
 - The likely approach of neighbouring authorities
 - The historical pattern of fees and charges reviews, and the impact on occupancy
 - The effect of trader incentives
- 3.2 An increase in fees and charges will contribute to reducing the Council's medium term budget deficit, which is projected to be £59.2 million by 2018/19 as stated in the Five Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19. Maintaining the approved increase to the licence fee at Bilston Indoor Market will increase income by £18,000 and at Bilston Outdoor Market by £17,000. Bilston Retail Market's annual total will increase by £35,000.

- 3.3 Consideration has also been given to fees and charges applied by neighbouring authorities such as Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell. Although their fees and charges are on a par with Wolverhampton the pattern of rent rises differ as summarised below:

Table 1 Comparison of Rent Rises of the last Five Years

	Dudley	Sandwell	Walsall	W-ton
2010/11	1%	0%	15%	1.5%
2011/12	2%	0%	0%	0%
2012/13	0%	0%	0%	0%
2013/14	0%	0%	16.5%	5%
2014/15	0%	0%	0%	5%
Total % Increase	3%	0%	31.5%	11.5%

- 3.4 During 2014/15 rents at Dudley markets have not been increased, because the council will be redeveloping the Market and Market Place in late April or early May and traders will be moved to a temporary market. Walsall markets increased the daily fee by £5 per stall in 2013, but have not increased rents for 2014/15; the market has been partly relocated recently due to construction works taking place which separate the market into two areas. Sandwell have confirmed that there will be no increases in rent for 2014/15. Several neighbouring authorities are also continuing with flexible pricing incentives to sustain existing occupancy levels.
- 3.5 The number of people visiting Bilston Indoor Market is recorded electronically on a daily basis. Bilston Indoor Market traders continue to benefit from a consistently high footfall of approximately 9,000 visitors a day.
- 3.6 There are 88 stalls in Bilston Indoor Market hall, all of which are occupied. When stalls become vacant, they are not difficult to let due to the high level of demand for stalls on the indoor market. There are currently 25 applications on the waiting list.
- 3.7 Trader incentives were introduced in 2007/08 across all markets and continue to be well received by both new and existing outdoor traders. Incentives (explained in Appendix B) offered during 2013/14 have resulted in a significant number of lettings across all open markets. Bilston Licensed/Casual Open Market traders continue to benefit from the incentives daily. Occupancy on the open market remains stable through the financial year.
- 3.8 Currently, there is no dispute resolution process available to licensees and they do not have the same level of legal protection as business tenants.

4.0 Details of the Petition

4.1 A petition has been received from the traders at Bilston Market containing 180 signatures. The petition highlights concerns in relation to the increase in fees and charges for 2014/15 at Bilston Retail Market.

4.2 The petition outlined specific concerns in relation to the increase in fees & charges for 2014/15. These are summarised below:

- The detrimental effect that a 5% increase in fees and charges could have on traders at Bilston Market. Traders say that they are finding conditions very difficult and believe the increase is unsustainable.
- If traders are not successful in their fight to freeze rents they will go to an arbitrator for a reduction in rents, as they believe the rents are excessive in comparison to shops in the town centre.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 An increase in fees and charges will contribute to reducing the Council's medium term budget deficit, which is projected to be £59.2 million by 2018/19 as stated in the Five Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19.

5.2 The agreed proposals within the 2014/15 Fees and Charges Report reflect the Council's budgetary policy in previous financial years and the 2014/15 budget set for the Market Service.

5.3 Maintaining the approved increase to the licence fee at Bilston Indoor Market will increase income by £18,000 and Bilston Outdoor Market by £17,000 total annual income of £35,000.
[CH/23042014/K]

6.0 Legal implications

6.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from the increase in fees and charges.
[RB/23042014/B]

7.0 Equalities implications

7.1 The contents of this report have no direct equality implications.

8.0 Environmental implications

8.1 There are no environmental implications arising from the increase in fees and charges.

9.0 Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no human resource implications arising from the increase in fees and charges

10.0 Corporate Landlord Implications

10.1 There are no immediate corporate landlord implications arising from the increase in fees and charges

Appendix A

Proposals for Fees and Charges in 2014/15

Bilston Market

(a) **Indoor Market – (individual fees depend upon size, location and amenities of stall)**

Main Market Hall Stall	Licence Fee 2013/14 (£)	Proposed 5% Increase 2014/15 (£)
Zone 1	132.20	138.80
Zone 2	N/A	N/A
Zone 3	122.65	128.80
Zone 4	102.90	108.05

Facility	Fee 2013/14 (£)	Proposed 5% Increase 2014/15 (£)
Storerooms	22.20 – 30.75	23.30 – 32.30
Car Parking	9.15 + VAT	9.60 + VAT
Car Parking	3.95 + VAT	4.15 + VAT

(b) **Bilston Market – Miscellaneous Fees and Charges**

Miscellaneous	Fee 2013/14 Per Week (£)	Proposed 5% Increase 2014/15 Per Week (£)
Indoor Spaces	60.85	63.90
Indoor Spaces	(Daily) 15.25	(Daily) 16.00
Children's Rides	60.85	63.90

(c) **Bilston Open Market**

Stall Fee Middle	2013/14 Licensed Trader Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	13.60	14.30
Thursday	26.90	28.25
Friday	13.60	14.30
Saturday	28.65	30.10

Stall Fee Middle	2013/14 Casual Trader Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	16.95	17.80
Thursday	30.25	31.75
Friday	16.95	17.80
Saturday	31.95	33.55

Stall Fee Corner	2013/14 Licensed Trader Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	22.70	23.85
Thursday	30.80	32.35
Friday	22.70	23.85
Saturday	34.80	36.55

Stall Fee Corner	2013/14 Casual Trader Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	26.10	27.40
Thursday	34.25	35.95
Friday	26.10	27.40
Saturday	38.20	40.10

Loading Bay Fee	2013/14 Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday - Small Vehicle	20.30	21.30
Monday - Large Vehicle	33.95	35.65
Thursday - Small Vehicle	33.95	35.65
Thursday - Large Vehicle	55.90	58.70
Friday - Small Vehicle	20.30	21.30
Friday - Large Vehicle	33.95	35.65
Saturday - Small Vehicle	33.95	35.65
Saturday - Large Vehicle	55.90	58.70

Patio Area Fee	2013/14 Licensed Trader Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	22.70	23.85
Thursday	33.30	34.95
Friday	22.70	23.85
Saturday	33.30	34.95

Patio Area Fee	2013/14 Casual Trader	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	26.10	27.40
Thursday	36.70	38.55
Friday	26.10	27.40
Saturday	36.70	38.55

Extension Space Fee	2013/14 Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	12.90	13.55
Thursday	12.90	13.55
Friday	12.90	13.55
Saturday	12.90	13.55

Demonstration Area / Space Fee	2013/14 Per Day (£)	2014/15 Proposed 5% Increase Per Day (£)
Monday	17.20	18.05
Thursday	30.35	31.85
Friday	17.20	18.05
Saturday	32.30	33.90

Wolverhampton Markets – Incentive Packages 2014/15

In order to ensure that incentives packages are allocated in a fair and equitable manner, the following restrictions will apply:

A current licensed indoor / outdoor trader cannot terminate an existing stall licence and then re-apply for a stall which qualifies for an incentive package until a period of 26 weeks has elapsed between termination of their existing licence and re-allocation of the new licence.

Bilston Indoor

- Vacant stalls (six weeks and over) –50% reduced rent for a 24 week period for new traders offering a trade line that is not currently represented on the indoor market. New traders eligible for this incentive will be required to pay all electricity charges associated with their stall.
- Trade line.
- Vacant stalls (six weeks and over) – 50% reduced rent for six weeks for stalls carrying an existing tradeline

Bilston Outdoor

- Casual trader converting to a licenced stall receives a 50% rent reduction for four weeks after 13 weeks on licence.
- Existing Licence holder who takes on an additional stall gets 50% rent reduction for 13 weeks.
- Licensed trader who introduces a friend who takes a stall for 13 weeks will receive a 10% rent reduction for four weeks.
- Any existing trader who takes on a vacant stall on a casual basis after 9.00 am, gets 50% rent reduction (Thursdays and Saturdays only)
- Existing Licensed and Casual traders can rent an additional stall at a flat rate of £10.00 a day (after 9.00 am Monday and Fridays only)
- All Open Market licensed traders to be offered 20% discount if rent is paid one month in advance during the Kipper Season (January to March).