5.9 FOOTPATH TRADING AND ACCESS POLICY
(JM:LOCAL21, SHOP18)

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RECOMMENDATION

That the implementation of the new Footpath Trading and Access Policy for Glen Waverley and Oakleigh Activity Centres (except for Eaton Pedestrian Mall) take effect from 1 September 2011 and the current permit holders be advised accordingly.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to consider extending the commencement date for the new Footpath Trading and Access Policy to 1 September 2011.

BACKGROUND

Council, on 29 March 2011, resolved to adopt a new Footpath Trading and Access Policy. The key change in the new policy is to require footpath trading to be kerb side of the footpath. This allows the front of shops to act as a shoreline by providing pedestrian-friendly access to all persons.

CONSULTATION

Following adoption of the new policy, traders in Glen Waverley and Oakleigh together with other submitters to the draft policy were advised of the outcome.

The main issue for the traders is the commencement date of the new policy which had been set at 1 July 2011.

The feedback from many traders is that they would like an additional 2 months to implement the new arrangements as they will need this time to effect changes to their infrastructure for better weather protection. This includes relocation of heaters, blinds, verandas, etc.

An inspection of various businesses where weather protection is an issue indicates that the request is reasonable and that the suggestion that the new provisions be introduced from 1 September 2011 is accepted.

Accordingly, although the permit fees for the new annual applications will be required to be paid by 1 July 2011, it is considered appropriate for the new permit provisions to commence on 1 September 2011.

CONCLUSION

It is considered that the commencement date for the new Footpath Trading and Access Policy for Glen Waverley and Oakleigh (except for Eaton Mall) be amended to 1 September 2011 in accordance with trader requests and that the permit holders be advised accordingly.