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Dear Kevin

## **LICENSING OF PAVEMENT CAFES BILL – PRE INTRODUCTORY BRIEF 13 JUNE**

On 20 May, the Minister sent the Social Development Committee Chair, copies of the draft Licensing of Pavement Cafes Bill (and associated Explanatory Memorandum and short summary document) on an in-confidence basis pending Executive Committee approval to introduce the Bill into the Assembly.

I am writing to confirm that at today's meeting the Executive approved the introduction of the Bill subject to a small number of mainly technical amendments. I would however take the opportunity to let you know that the requirement for a council to consult DOE Planning Service on new applications (Clause 4(4)(b) of the earlier draft Bill) has been removed. This is in anticipation of planning functions transferring to councils under Reform of Local Government.

I enclose a copy of the final Bill, Explanatory Memorandum and a short summary of the Bill content.

I would confirm that Gary McAlorum and I will be available to provide pre-introductory briefing at the Committee meeting arranged for 13 June.

Yours sincerely

**Liam Quinn**

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Summary of Bill Content