



Dear Trader,

Re: Change of Policy - Adverse Weather

Following a review of the market regulations with Wiltshire Council's legal department with regard to trading in adverse weather conditions, the market service will be introducing some amendments to the regulations relating to this matter.

With immediate effect the following changes will apply:

- If the Met Office forecasts sustained winds of 40mph or above, heavy snow and/or ice, or other extreme weather the day before the scheduled market day, the market will be cancelled and an attempt to notify all traders by 12:00 noon the day before will be made.
- Please note that there may be times when the markets are cancelled on the day if conditions dictate. This will be communicated by the Market Officer.
- If the Met Office predicts the wind speed to be around 40mph all morning, the Market Officer will make a decision with as much notice as possible as to whether a market can take place safely, and may cancel a market on the day if stalls cannot be set up safely. This will be communicated as soon as possible by the Market Officer.
- If the weather is forecast to be bad later in the trading day, the Market Officer will ensure they are on site at this time to monitor the weather and its effect on the market and trader's stalls.
- The market regulations will be updated to include the right for a Salisbury City Council Officer to request a trader pack up if a market is cancelled. Failure of any trader to pack away will result in disciplinary action being taken.
- In the event of a market being cancelled the day before, no pitch fee will be payable by the trader.
- In the event of a market being cancelled before 10am on the day of the market, no pitch fee will be payable by the trader.
- In the event of cancellations which are decided within working hours, an email will be sent out to all traders and the Council's relevant social media pages will be updated.
Please ensure we have an up to date email address please email markets@salsiburycitycouncil.gov.uk .

It is hoped that above additions to the regulations will allow the Council to be more flexible when dealing with the adverse weather. Cancellation of any market will always be a last resort and Salisbury City Council will endeavour to maintain markets as frequently as possible as long as they can be managed in a safe manner.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Marsden, Market Officer