Further to your Information request FOI63873, please find your questions and our responses below:

1. To know the average processing time for applications to hold stalls or similar for non-commercial, charitable or political purposes in the regulated town centre areas of the Royal Borough.

Response:
We have been advised that this can vary depending upon the type of application and when it comes into the office and waiting for additional information such as risk assessment, public liability documents. We try to turn around applications within 3 weeks.

2. To know who is consulted before any such permit is granted.

Response: We have been advised that on the majority of occasions permits are granted without consultation. However, where we may have been made aware of issues, such as groups which have been banned or have been known to cause public order issues we would consult with the licensing team, police and senior council officers. Following that a decision would be made and reported back to the applicant.

3. To know the role (if any) of elected members in taking decisions to grant permits

Response: We have been advised that Members like the general public can raise issues and concerns over groups displaying in the town centre, but any such issues would have to be investigated with senior council officers and any other appropriate organisations i.e. Police as outlined above, but the decision would be made by officers.

4. To know the factors taken into consideration when granting or refusing such permits.

Response: As outlined in question 2.

This concludes your request FOI63873.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

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Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

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