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## Guidance

This guidance note has been produced to help businesses applying for Tables and Chairs Licences to know what South Gloucestershire Council expects in terms of the street furniture used. Please note that adherence to this guidance document forms part of the terms and conditions of any Table and Chairs Licence granted, and not complying with it could result in a Table and Chairs Licence being revoked.

At all times, businesses will:

- keep a clear route on the footway for pedestrians, ensuring that there is enough room for a mobility scooter/wheelchair/pram etc.
- keep all furniture a minimum of 450mm from the back of the kerb or from the back of any tactile paving (where applicable).

**Umbrellas or Shade Sails:** Umbrellas or shade sails in light colours can provide shade and protect customers from the sun. These will be removed in windy conditions.

**Outdoor Lighting:** String lights, fairy lights, or lanterns can create a cosy and inviting atmosphere during the evening. Solar-powered lights are eco-friendly and cost-effective. If there are any cables for lighting crossing the footway then these should be guarded to prevent tripping hazards.

**Outdoor Heaters:** Patio heaters can extend the usability of outdoor seating areas into cooler seasons, ensuring comfort for customers. If there are any cables crossing the footway then these should be guarded to prevent tripping hazards.

**Planters and Greenery:** Decorative planters with flowers, shrubs, or small trees can add a touch of nature and beauty to the space and visually appealing. Green screens can also be really effective (please see the photograph below). These must be well maintained by the business owner.



Outdoor Furniture: Good-quality, comfortable chairs and tables with stylish designs can make customers feel welcome and encourage them to stay longer.

Windbreakers: Glass, fabric/cloth or acrylic windbreakers can protect customers from strong winds while still allowing them to enjoy the venue – **no branding will be permitted.**

Custom Signage: No advertising of brands but could have the business name, menu specials, or artwork can draw attention and promote the business. Please note that advertisement consent may be required, and the business should liaise with the Council's Development Management team for further advice.

Seasonal Decor: Change up the decor to reflect seasons and holidays, creating a festive atmosphere that attracts customers throughout the year.