



Community & Civic Resources Committee

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Community & Civic Resources Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: Tuesday, 28 April 2009

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

Chairman: Councillor Evans
The Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs Burton)

Councillors:	Beinhorn	East	Gagen
	Hopkins	Leighton	Nash
	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Winchcombe	

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Community and Civic Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2009, which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council.

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A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business

5. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – FINANCIAL REPORT

Officers will be providing for each meeting of this committee an income and expenditure list for members information.

The report is a summary of income and expenditure for all cost centres within the accounting system to give an overall financial position for the Council.

The accounts show a healthy position for the Town Council, but should members have any questions officers will be happy to answer them although it maybe helpful if the advise officers in advance of the meeting to ensure that a full responses can be given.

6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID

At the last meeting members asked officers for clarification on items 44 and 46 of the schedule of accounts paid as these bills appeared to be duplicated. They were invoices for the Storennet radios, which are billed separately.

A Schedule of Accounts Paid is attached for information (doc 6/1 – doc 6/2).

7. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – AREA BOARDS – BOUNDARIES AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS – VISIT BY JONATHAN GALE

Attached is a map and schedule confirming the boundaries of Wiltshire's 18 Area Boards as confirmed by the Wiltshire Implementation Executive (doc 7/1). Mr Jonathan Gale who is the co-ordinator for this area will attend the meeting to advise the committee of the current position.

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Following a meeting with the supplier of last year's lights on 18 March when we discussed options for next year in the light of feedback from the people of Devizes, we have now received quotations for these. We are currently consulting with other interested parties regarding the provision of Christmas Lights for 2009. On 8 April it was agreed that the date for the Christmas Switch-on was to be the last Friday in November – 27, and the actual ceremony would be brought forward to 6.45pm to allow for full TV coverage. Grants for additional lights would be sought from County and the Arts Council. It is hoped that a large screen monitor will be provided outside the Corn Exchange for the event.

9. REPORT FOR INFORMATON – CASUAL LABOUR

At a recent meeting of this committee Councillor Mrs Winchcombe raised concerns about cash payments to casual staff.

Town Council from time to time requires additional labour to assist with the venues operation. The work is on an ad-hoc basis and is rarely undertaken by the same person. Officers have re-checked their understanding of the position, and can confirm that from advice received this practice is acceptable provided there is no regular pattern of work, we do not regularly use the same person.

10. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TWINNING

The Devizes and District Twinning Association have some concern about the future of twinning with the demise of the District Council. The problem will not arise for the year or next year but in 2011 when it is Devizes' turn to host. Kennet District Council used to host and organise the Twinning Conference and should the Unitary Authority not engage in twinning, it is likely that this element of the weekend will fall on the Town Council.

At this stage the early indications are that twinning is not something the Unitary Authority will support, but the authority is still in its infancy and there may be pressure from other towns to change this position.

Officers will keep this committee updated on any changes, but it may need to make additional budget provision in 2011 if the Unitary Authority does not engage in twinning.

11. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – BANKS, SAFE DEPOSIT OF RESERVES

The Bank of England base rate has plummeted from 5% on 17 September 2008 to a current rate of 0.5%. This effectively meant that at the time officers had a meeting with the Council's bankers Barclays Bank plc, the Council were receiving 1% interest on its savings (base Rate Tracker). This has since fallen to 0.5%.

Officers took immediate action and transferred £500,000 into a six month Treasury bond attracting an interest rate of 1.8% and Gross interest on maturity of £4,463. This may potentially be rolled over into a new bond on 29 July 2009.

The rationale of officers at this time was to take a fairly prudent view and partially tie up Council reserves for this six-month period bearing in mind the need for approximately £40K relating to the repairs to the Crammer Wall and £150K over a longer period in respect of the Windsor Drive community building.

It is possible to take a more bullish approach by either tying into a longer period of 9 months or a year bond or to speculate with bankers offering higher rates.

However, in the view of officers, in a volatile banking market a prudent approach is the right approach. Maximising interest payments without taking unnecessary risks would best be achieved by a mixture of medium term bond investments and short term bond investments taking into account the Council's capital spending commitments over the short and medium term.

12. REPORT FOR DECISION – CHAIRING SKILLS COURSE

Purpose of the Report

To decide if any members of the Council wishes to attend a Charing Skills Course.

Background

A one-day course is being held by South West Employers at Taunton on 14 July 2009 on Charing Skills. This course is ideally suited to Members who are new to charing and managing meetings or who expect to take on that responsibility in the future. It is also suitable for those looking to refresh existing skills.

Options

To decide if any members would like to attend a Charing Skills Course being conducted by South West Employer.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

The financial implications are £190 plus VAT per Councillor, which will be taken from the members training budget.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council has powers under section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, which provides for activities that are necessarily implied by statute.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

13. REPORT FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Recommendation

1. To make the appointment of members to the Recreation & Properties Committee.
2. To make the appointment of members to the Community & Civic Resources Committee.

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3. To make the appointment of members to the Devizes & Roundway Joint Burial Committee.

Purpose of the Report

To make appointments to the Council's committees.

Background

Standing Orders provide that, as far as practicable, appointments to committees will be made proportionate to the make-up of the Council and every member must have a seat on either Recreation & Properties or Community & Civic Resources Committee.

On the political balance this means that a committee make up would be:

Committee A	Committee B
5 Conservative	5 Conservative
2 Guardian	3 Guardian
1 Labour	1 Labour
1 Liberal Democrat	1 Liberal Democrat
1 Independent	

All members have been given the opportunity to express a preference for the committees on which they wish to sit which are indicated, but the Council makes the final decision.

Recreation & Properties	Community & Civic Resources
Cllr Leighton (M) (C)	Cllr Leighton (M) (C)
Cllr Smith (DM) (G)	Cllr Smith (DM) (G)
Cllr Mrs Burton (OM) (G)	Cllr Mrs Burton (OM) (G)
Cllr A R Taylor (L)	Cllr Evans (C)
Cllr Mrs Evans (C)	Cllr Mrs Taylor (L)
Cllr Callow (LD)	Cllr J Beinhorn (C)
Cllr A Gagen (C)	Cllr T East (G)
Cllr Gudgeon (C)	Cllr Nash (LD)
Cllr Hopkins (I)	Cllr C S Winchcombe (C)
Cllr Parsons (C)	
Cllr Mrs Winchcombe (C)	

The political balance for the Joint Burial Committee is as follows

Joint Burial Committee
3 Conservative
1 Guardian
1 Labour
1 Liberal Democrat
1 Independent

Preferences have been received as follows

Joint Burial Committee
Cllr Leighton (M)(C)
Cllr A R Taylor (L)
Cllr Mrs Evans (C)
Cllr Mrs Burton (G)
Cllr Gudgeon (C)
Cllr J Beinhorn (C)
Cllr Nash (LD)
Cllr Parsons (C)

Options Considered

The first table above indicates that a political balance has not been reached on either committee committees. The Recreation and Properties committee is over subscribed by one conservative and the Community and Civic Resources committee is under subscribed by one conservative.

The political balance has not been reached on the Joint Burial Committee, as there is no Independent councillor, however the committee is over subscribed by too many Conservative members (two), but by only one member.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council is required to make the appointment to committees in accordance with Standing Orders.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

Risk Assessment

If the council did not make the appropriate appointments in accordance with its Standing Orders it could be open to legal challenge.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

14. REPORT FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT TO WORKING PARTIES, AREAS OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Recommendation

1. To appoint members to working parties
2. To appoint members to areas of special responsibility
3. To appoint representatives to outside bodies

Purpose of the Report

To appoint members to working parties, areas of special responsibility and outside bodies.

Background

All members have been given an opportunity to express preferences in respect of which working parties; outside bodies and special areas of interest they would like to be allocated. Standing Orders do not require a political balance.

The following show the preferences indicated.

Black type face = numbers appropriate,

Blue type face = under subscribed

Red type face = oversubscribed

Performance Management 4 Members Late afternoon meetings	Cllr Parsons Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Callow Cllr East Cllr Mrs Winchcombe
Messenger Working Party 4 Members Late afternoon meetings	Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Evans Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Callow
Devizes/South West in Bloom 4 Members Sometimes daytime or evening meetings	Cllr Parsons Cllr Gagen Cllr Mrs Evans Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr C S Winchcombe
Christmas Lights 3 Members Time of meetings flexible	Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Leighton Cllr C S Winchcombe Cllr Nash
Hillworth Park Project Max of 7 members Late afternoon/early evening meetings	Cllr Parsons Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Callow Cllr Leighton Cllr Smith Cllr East Cllr Nash Cllr Hopkins

Areas of special responsibility – in the event that an item of information is received or a meeting needs to be attended on a certain area at short notice, members are allocated areas of special responsibility. Each member is allocated an area except the Mayor.

To reiterate last years explanation, it is a requirement for 2 members to be listed in each area, however members are only allocated one area of special responsibility with the exception of the Mayor elect.

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<u>Areas of special responsibility</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Arts & Tourism	Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Hopkins
Community Safety	Cllr Parsons Cllr Mrs Winchcombe Cllr Nash
Environment	Cllr Evans Cllr East
Health	Cllr Gagen
Urban Regeneration	Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Mrs Evans Cllr Gudgeon
Disabled Issues	Cllr Callow Cllr C S Winchcombe
Transport	Cllr Mrs Taylor Cllr Smith Cllr Beinhorn
Youth Issues	

<u>Outside Bodies</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (Exec Com) 1 Representative plus deputy	Cllr East Cllr Mrs Winchcombe
KDC Town Centre Regeneration JMWP 4 Representatives	Cllr Gagen Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Evans Cllr Mrs Evans Cllr Callow Cllr Hopkins Cllr Gudgeon Cllr East
Devizes Development Partnership 1 Representative	Cllr Parsons Cllr Mrs Burton
Devizes Community Area Forum 2 Representatives	Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Gudgeon Cllr East
Wiltshire CC Transport Representative 1 Representative	Cllr Callow Cllr Smith
Local Consultative Group Community/Police 1 Representative	Cllr Mrs Evans Cllr Gudgeon Cllr Mrs Winchcombe
Devizes Leisure Centre Advisory Committee (2 Representatives plus 1 Deputy) Daytime meetings	Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Mrs Evans Cllr Smith Cllr East Cllr C S Winchcombe
Devizes & District Twinning Association 1 Representative (plus Mayor ex officio)	Cllr Leighton (ex officio)

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KDC Twinning Joint Management Committee	Cllr Evans Cllr Mrs Taylor Cllr Leighton Cllr Smith
Devizes & Tornio Twinning Association 1 Representative (plus Mayor ex officio)	Cllr Leighton (ex officio) Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Callow
Devizes Festival Committee 1 Representative	Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Hopkins
DDP Christmas Festival Committee 1 Representative	Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Nash
Devizes Carnival Committee 3 Representatives (plus Mayor ex officio)	Cllr Leighton (ex officio) Cllr Parsons Cllr Hopkins Cllr Nash
Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society 1 Representative	Cllr Gagen Cllr Callow
Kennet & Avon Canal Users Forum 1 Representative	Cllr Mrs Evans Cllr Beinhorn Cllr Nash
Devizes & District Hospital League of Friends 1 Representative	Cllr A R Taylor Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr C S Winchcombe
Waste Forum – Wiltshire County Council 2 Representatives	Cllr Evans Cllr East
Waste Forum Users Group – Kennet District Council 1 Representative	Cllr Smith Cllr East
Devizes Town Trusts Management Committee 2 Representatives (plus Mayor ex-officio)	Cllr Leighton (ex officio) Cllr Gagen Cllr Mrs Evans Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr Callow Cllr Gudgeon Cllr Smith
Local Strategic Partnership 1 Representative	Cllr Mrs Burton Cllr East Cllr Mrs Winchcombe
Kennet Passengers Forum 1 Representative	Cllr East
Cycling Forum 1 Representative	Cllr A R Taylor
Fair Trade Committee 1 Representative	Cllr Mrs Taylor

Options Considered

Having expressed preferences, the Council will now need to make the appropriate appointments, resolving over and under subscription where necessary.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Officers are not aware of any legal implications.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

Risk Assessment

Failure to appoint representatives to the relevant bodies may result in the council being unrepresented.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

15. REPORT FOR DECISION – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT INDICATORS

Recommendation

That this committee agrees targets for 2009/2010 in relation to the adopted Performance Management Strategy the Community and Civic Resources Committee.

Purpose of the Report

To consider the performance indicators adopted for this committee and agree the targets for the forthcoming year.

Background

Attached doc 15/1-15/2, are the adopted performance indicators relating to issues within this committees remit. These performance indicators were adopted, along with the Performance Management Strategy, at Full Council on the 20 March 2008.

The results for the 2008/09 financial year will be present at the next committee of this committee, which will include year-end data. It is with regret the 2008/09 figure for public satisfaction will not be included as although the council undertook significant amount of consultation in was not relevant to these area.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if the agree the suggested targets

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

The adopted Performance Management Strategy and supporting policies do have some resource implications but this is certainly less onerous than the former Best Value Plan that had to be reproduced each year and audited.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The abolishment of the Best Value regime for this council removes any legal obligation in relation to performance management.

Environmental Implications

The Environmental Policy forms an underpinning for the proposed Performance Management Strategy.

Risk Assessment

Maintaining Quality Council status has been identified as being core for pursuing grant funding for community projects and the adopted Performance Management Strategy fundamentally underpins this.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

16. REPORT FOR DECISION – WIFI & INTERNET CONTROL

Recommendation

That the committee decided if the Town Council public Buildings should have free internet access for any who wants it.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if the Town Council buildings should have free Internet access.

Background

Officers have for some time been debating whether hirers of the venues should have free access to the Internet during there bookings as additional service offered. Currently a charge is made for the service and to control access a password procedure is in place. Increasingly hirers access to the internet for short periods to down load emails or to do limited research. The time it take to connect a customers PC to our broadband line is often disproportion to the time they need to use it and therefore it is often more trouble than it is worth, however the client is often surprised the a venue like the Town Hall or the Corn Exchange is not Wi-Fi.

In addition to this Councillor Peter Evans has had several letters from a local resident to as why our public building do not have free Wi-Fi access in this day and age.

Officers first intention was to simply remove the password protocol from the system to enable free access to the Internet for anyone who was in or near the public building, but after discussions with our computer support company that option would leave the Council very vulnerable.

The advice officers have been given is that although Council could simply open up its internet connection to any one who wanted to use it, it would have no control on what was being viewed or more seriously downloaded. Therefore should illegal material be accessed it would be logged against the Town Council's IP address and not the person who downloaded it.

If the Committee feel that the town council venues should have free Internet access then controls would need to be put in place. The cost of installing this would be in the region of £1170 per venue.

Options Considered

The committee needs to determine if the council should allow free Internet access for any who wants it and is in the vicinity of the Town Hall or Corn Exchange.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Funding would need to come from the Council's Computer Hardware and Website budgets. Should this expenditure be made it will exhaust these budgets.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The expenditure would be made under The Local Government Act 1972 s111 grants the Councils powers to incur expenditure, which is ancillary to its main duties and powers.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications

Risk Assessment

If the Council is to allow free Internet access from its venues adequate controls must be in place to protect the authority.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

17. REPORT FOR DECISION – A CURRENCY FOR DEVIZES

Recommendation

That the committee supports the principle of a local currency for Devizes and that it accepts this form of payment from local residents as well as being an exchange point.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if this Council wishes to support this local initiative to encourage people to shop locally.

Background

A steering group including the Town Centre Manager, a local solicitor, an independent retailer and the Chamber of Commerce have developed a Devizes Currency, which can be purchased on a one to one bases with Stirling. The new currency will support local suppliers by encouraging local residents to shop in the town.

It is hoped that 50 traders will sign up to the scheme that will take the currency instead of Stirling. This currency will then be handed back to other local people with their change, which they will then need to spend locally. The benefit to the local resident is that retailers can tie in special offers to users of the local currency.

The scheme is already up and running in places such as Lewes in East Sussex and Totnes in Devon and is proving successful.

The notes will be professionally on produced forgery-proof paper.

The principle behind the scheme is to encourage shoppers to support their trader, keep money circulating in the town, strengthen the bond between local shoppers and traders, Improve the local economy and help reduce carbon emissions by encouraging people to shop locally.

At this time there is no request for funding but that may follow to help launch the initiative.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide if they support this local initiative to strengthen the local economy

The Committee needs to decide if the Council will accept the local currency for payment towards goods and services.

The committee needs to decide if the Town Hall will become an exchange point for the scheme.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Although the scheme is self-financing once it has been set up, there maybe setup costs for which the steering group may request a grant.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

At this time the Council is acting as a consultee. Should the Town Council join in this would be ancillary to its main function

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications associated with this decision other than those set out in the report.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk to the Council associated with this decision

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

18. REPORT FOR DECISION – DEVIZES NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Recommendation

That the committee considers the letter received from Ian Thomas, Devizes NPT Sergeant, and decides if they wish to agree any formal response to the proposals.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if the committee wishes to pass comment on changes, which will affect the Devizes Neighbourhood Policing team.

Background

A letter has been received from Wiltshire Police advising of a force wide review resulting from the creation of the Wiltshire Council.

As of 1 April 2009 the number of Neighbourhood Policing Teams covering the Devizes Sector will be reduced. This reduction will result in the Devizes Outer and Town Centre teams merging. PC Adam Hall who will supervise four Community Support Officers will lead the team. The post of Town Centre beat manager will revert to patrol function (999 response). It is indicated in the letter that there will be no overall reduction of Police staff in Devizes.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they wish to pass comment to Wiltshire Police on the arrangements.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial or resource implications associated with this agenda item.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council is asked as a consultee in this matter.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of environmental implications associated with this agenda item.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implications associated with this agenda item.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

19. REPORT FOR DECISION – PILLBOX ADJACENT THE KENNET AND AVON CANAL

Recommendation

The committee decided what if any action it wishes to take in relation to the pillbox adjacent the Kennet and Avon Cannel and Rotherstone.

Purpose of the Report

To advise officers what action they would like to take in relation to the condition of the pillbox in Devizes.

Background

At a recent meeting of the planning committee Councillor Winchcombe asked that the ownership of the Pillbox adjacent the Kennet and Avon Canal in Devizes be established as well as establishing who is responsible for its up keep. This has been established and a letter from British Waterways is attached.

Councillor Winchcombe believes that this Council should place pressure on the owners to maintain structure for the community and visitors.

Pillboxes were contracted along the canal between London and Bristol as a defence line against any possible invasion. Councillor Winchcombe believes that the pillbox was constructed by W E Chivers and Sons a local builder.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide what action if any they wish to take

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are not aware of any financial implications associated with this decision.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The council is acting as a consultee in the matter

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implication at this time

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risk implication at this time

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

20. REPORT FOR DECISION – SUPPORT FOR AGE CONCERN

Recommendation

That the Committee decide if the Town Council should support the Age Concern campaign “Age No Barrier”.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if the Town Council wishes to make resources available to support Age Concern in a fund-raising event.

Background

Officers have been contacted by Age Concern, regarding their campaign “Age No Barrier” which will be promoted across Wiltshire from Saturday 20 June to Friday 26 June. The Town Council has been invited to participate by arranging an event at some time during that week. The aim is to raise the profile of older people in the area and to recognise that age is no barrier for people to come together to make a positive contribution to their community. The event can be organised for older people, or be an involve all generations.

The local Age Concern office have said they have no resources to organise anything themselves during the campaign week, but would like us to support their 60th Anniversary, where they hope to raise £60,000 this year. It has been suggested that an event in Hillworth Park, might be an option, There is no suggestion about what form that support may take.

An organisation BTCV (Involved Wiltshire), who are a youth volunteer group, have indicated that they would be keen to support an outdoors event of this nature. Officers are asking them if they would be prepared to help organise an event for Age Concern.

Options Considered

The Committee needs to decide whether they will be prepared to support an event in the park for Age Concern by making resources, and by allocating some of the grant budget if a formal request is received.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Depending upon whether the project is taken on by the Town Council or by a third party, there would be a financial and operational resource implications to consider.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

Under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 the council has the power to provide entertainment and support the arts.

Or the Council could give a grant to Age Concern under section 137 of the local government act 1972, which gives powers to the council to incur cost for which it would not normally have a power, up to £6.00 per head of electorate.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental implications.

Risk Assessment

Risk assessments for any event will be required.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

21. EXEMPT REPORT FOR DECISION

22. QUESTION TIME

Members will be allowed a short period in which to put questions on matters within the remit of this Committee which are not contained in the reports of matters formally considered by the Committee at this meeting. The question may be answered at the meeting or may be referred back to the Committee at a later date. The question may not be the subject of any further details.