

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

9th November 2021

Present: Chairman: Councillor Giraud-Saunders
Mayor: Councillor Gay

Councillors: Britten Brown Corbett
 Gay Greenwood Ormerod
 Pennington Rose Wallis
 Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
 Jan Rendle, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: Three

334. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th September 2021, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

335. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Stevens.

336. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

337. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests to speak from the public present.

338. FOR INFORMATION – MARKETING UPDATE

Members praised the excellent, well written report, noting that it provided exactly the information they had sought. Officers were asked to consider a calendar of Council-promoted events to be taken forward by the Venues working party; it was however noted that such events carry a financial risk which may not accord with the Council's risk-averse approach.

339. FOR INFORMATION – VENUES BOOKING TRENDS

The Committee received and noted the report.

340. FOR INFORMATION – MARKET MANAGER’S REPORT

Members commended the report and in particular the work to establish the Farmers & Artisans market. Officers were asked to look again at the potential of one-off specialist markets.

341. FOR DECISION – PARK CAFÉ PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Wallis and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Venues working party would work with officers to review the Café operation and performance, with a view to developing a business plan.

342. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members.

343. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and agreed

THAT In view of the confidential nature of the remaining exempt items of business to be considered, this is dealt with In Committee in the absence of the press and members of the public.

CHAIRMAN