

Full Council

Date:	18 January 2018
Title:	Thame Town Music Festival
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of Report

1. To approve practical support for Thame Town Music Festival 2018 (TTMF18) beyond the £5,000 allocated in the budget.

Background

2. Following the report on the success of TTMF17 to the Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee on 24 October 2017, it was agreed that the Council would support a future event, and a financial contribution of £5,000 has been allocated in the budget.
3. In early December 2017, Johnnie Littler, the Festival Director, submitted the attached document, which was circulated to all Councillors on 7 December 2017, containing further report on the success of TTMF17; confirmation that TTMF18 would go ahead on Saturday 14 July 2018 subject to further sponsorship being found; and seeking other practical non-financial support for TTMF18 from the Town Council, similar to that provided for TTMF17.
4. In summary, practical help requested is:
 - a) Closure of the Lower High Street Car Park from 6am until midnight (Access to businesses will be managed), use of signage, cones and barriers to implement the required Lower High Street, Cornmarket and Butter Market road closure.
 - b) Free use of the Town Hall from 9am until midnight.
 - c) Free use of the Southern Road Recreational Ground to provide additional car parking space for the event and overnight plus the loan of orange fencing to protect the football pitches.
 - d) Event Support from the nominated Town Council Representative and Community Services Manager as part of the organising committee.
 - e) Aid in fund raising from other local authorities and businesses.
 - f) Promotion of the event through normal channels – Twitter, website, e-newsletter.

Resource Appraisal

5. Officer / Councillor time only, in support of the vitality and vibrancy of the town.

Recommendation that:

- i) The request for practical support beyond the £5,000 allocated budget for the Thame Town Music Festival to be held on Saturday 14 July 2018 is approved.***