

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	6 February 2018
Title:	Sports in the Street
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the attached request for financial and operational support from the organisers of the Sports in the Street event scheduled to take place in the High Street on Friday 29 June 2018 between 6pm and 9pm.

Background

2. For the last two years this event has been well received within the local community and has raised the profile of local sports clubs. Last year approximately 27 clubs participated and the Event Organiser hopes to encourage more clubs to join in this year.
3. Previously, the Town Council has assisted with operational support by allowing the Lower High Street Car Park to be closed and the use of road closure equipment.

Resource Appraisal

4. The Town Council provided funding of £1,000 in 2016 (from the Queen's 90th Birthday Grant) and £1,500 in 2017 (from the Market Town Co-Ordinator budget). The Event Organiser has estimated that operational costs will be in the region of £8,150 and has requested financial assistance of £1,400 to £1,600 from the Council. Local businesses are being approached for sources of sponsorship and MP Sports will cover any shortfall. There is no budget allocated to support this event within existing budgets. There is an unallocated balance in the general grants budget that could be allocated. The Market Town Co-Ordinator budget could also be used though that is pressured by the reduction in SODC funding and other funding considerations.
5. Maintenance Staff will need to drop off equipment to strategic locations to enable the event to take place. The closure of the car park will cause loss of parking from 4pm to enable the event set up with appropriate stewards in place and advanced warning given to businesses and residents effected.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act 1972, section 145

Recommendation:

- i) That financial support of £x be released from the Grants Budget / Market own Co-Ordinator Budget / General Reserves and operational support requested be approved.*