

**Culture, Leisure & Recreation Committee**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 March 2013</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Fair Agreement</b>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<b>To agree to extend the agreement for one year.</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

**Background**

The one year agreement between the Council and the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain, London & Home Counties Section (the Guild) will expire on 1 August 2013. The attached agreement (Appendix 1), has been drafted with the intention of enabling the 2013 fairs to take place.

Last year the Guild implemented administrative changes to improve the running of the fair however, there were still the last minute changes that caused operational difficulties. Within the draft agreement a fine has been imposed for any late paperwork to assist with the additional administrative costs.

One other amendment to be highlighted is in connection with noise control. The amendment gives the Council the right to fine individual plots and the option of closing the amusement down if correct noise levels are not maintained.

Access to the town in 2013 is scheduled for 6pm on Wednesday 18 September for the September Fair and Thursday 10 October for the small Charter Fair.

**Resource Appraisal**

There are no additional resources requirements arising from these recommended changes to the agreement.

**Legal Powers:** Local Government Act 1972, section 144

***The Committee is recommended:***

- i) To agree that the Showman's Guild of Great Britain be given access to the town to operate the two fairs in 2013 subject to the two recommended amendments.***