

## Policy & Resources Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 November 2019</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Car Boot Sale Proposal – Southern Road Recreational Ground</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

### Purpose of Report

1. To provide background for a decision in principle on whether to allow 14 fortnightly Sunday car boot sales to be held on Southern Road Recreational Ground (SRRG) from April to September 2020.

### Background

2. A local businessman and business partner have approached the Town Council with a proposal to hold 14 Car Boot Sales on a Sunday between April and September 2020, as attached at Appendix A.
3. Before progressing to full detail, a decision in principle is required.
4. The businessman has over 30 years' experience in organising Car Boot Sales assisting with the setup of Tetsworth Car Boot Sales and would arrange all Thame dates to run alternative Sundays so as not to clash with Tetsworth's event.
5. Requested location would include the whole SRRG Site incorporating the football pitch. However, if wet or ground was soft the event would be cancelled.
6. Sunday hours of operation would be 9am to 1pm, setup commencing at 6am with site clear by 4pm, and suspension during any community events. e.g. Emergency Services Day.
7. During set up areas would be roped off for portable toilets, refreshment stall and additional litter bin placements. Marshalls would allow Seller access from 7am strategically placed away from the residential areas and enabling emergency access requirements.
8. The businessman would be responsible for establishing all required planning / trading permissions.
9. Rental terms have not yet been fully defined. The proposer's current expectation is that he needs to conform with all the requirements of the "Holding an Event on Town Council Land" policy which defines a £20 hourly rate plus VAT. Officers suggest that a commission on profit should be additionally negotiated.
10. As well as income, which could amount to around £4,000, other potential benefits include: increased footfall in town, community organization opportunities and an overall sustainability benefit.
11. Other items for further consideration if an in principle go ahead is made include:
  - a) Traffic flow on/off the Recreational Ground and possible noise issues.
  - b) Maintenance plans for the Recreational Ground and football pitch.
  - c) Adverse weather arrangements.
  - d) Agreement will be needed on allowable advertising / marketing on the SRRG Railings.
  - e) Community events taking place in June, July, August and September.

- f) Public recreational space reduced for dog walking, football or ball games.

**Resource Appraisal**

- 12. Minimal officer time as part of set-up and control, similar to that required by the kebab van.
- 13. It would generate an additional, yet to be defined, income stream.

**Risk Assessment**

- 14. Compliments and complaints would be logged via the agreed Council processes in place.
- 15. Careful publicity would be required to manage expectations of Thame residents /neighbours, and Southern Road Recreational users in particular.

**Legal Powers:** General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011.

**Recommendation:**

***To agree whether to grant permission in principle for the request to hold 14 Car Boot Sales at Southern Road Recreational Ground.***

***If approved, to authorise the Community Services Manager to progress the appropriate licences / trading permissions and fee with the operator for 2020.***