

## Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

---

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Street Food Markets</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>8 February 2022</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide background for an in-principal decision regarding holding street food markets in 2022.

### Background

2. This report is following a request from the Christmas Street Food Market organizer to hold monthly markets in Thame. This would be an in-principle decision to allow Officers the guidance to proceed with investigating operational requirements and staff time required.
3. It is recognised that the French and World Village Markets are considered successful in attracting visitors to Thame and with making the town distinctive by promoting the market town image and increasing footfall within the town centre.

### Proposal

4. It is proposed that a Street Food Market is held monthly located around the Town Hall during 2022. Dates for visiting will be negotiated to ensure dates do not clash/compromise any other Town centre event. The event could be launched as part of the Taste of Thame event in May and continue a trial basis for 3 months.
5. Each market would normally take place on a Friday early evening, consisting of up to **six** stalls arranged around the Town Hall and with space for tables and chairs.
6. The Street Food Markets will require a road closure to be taken out by the Town Council. All other arrangements will be managed by the company organising the market, including the removal of all waste and parking requirements.
7. The proposal is subject to all relevant licences and approvals being in place without restricting other events within the town centre.

### Risk Assessment

8. A full risk assessment and event management plan will be produced at the time of requesting a road closure.
9. Environmental impact, electricity output from the town hall will be part of the fees charged, to assist with reducing the number of generators on site.

### Resource Appraisal

10. A pro-rata fee comparable with the World Village/French markets will be negotiated which will include the use of the external electricity points. Staff time and the road closure administration will be met through existing budget allocations.

**Legal Powers:**

- The Food Act 1984 part III

**Recommendation:**

***The Committee is asked:***

- i) To approve in-principle holding a three-month trial of Street Food Markets commencing in May 2022.*