

Community, Leisure & Recreation

Date:	5 April 2022
Title:	Fair Working Group
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Purpose of this Report

1. To provide an update on the Fair Working Group meeting held on 22 March 2022.

Update

2. The Showmen's Guild delegation met with the Fair Working Group to discuss the Thame Fairs. The meeting reviewed the 2021 Fairs, which discussed delayed paperwork, the Fire Chief comments highlighting a placement of an attraction larger than the allocated plot size, an email from the Guild regarding the same ride, and communication over a late substitution. Overall, the invited September Fair and October Charter Fair had taken place successfully.
3. The drafted Fair agreement attached as Appendix 1 to this report was slightly amended to reflect:
 - a. On Page 2 - to insert the following highlighted in red: - "The Guild will maintain "like for like" substitutions or *suitable attraction that fits* within the allocated *plot* areas."
 - b. Page 4 item 1 - fee negotiations are still required to be undertaken and subject to this, the removal of the need for a water licence and standpipe hire may be undertaken.
 - c. Page 5 item 13 – to include documents requirements and the removal of any late administration fees.

"Any Operator not providing the required documents by 1 September will not be allowed to trade and will not be given access to the Fairground. *Any changes to the papers submitted made after 1 September must ensure the documents are dated to cover the event set up, event, and set down time frames specified within this agreement. will incur an administration fee of £25 per allocated plot.*"
4. The Showmen's Guild have requested to present to Full Council a different contract similar to the one made with St Giles Fair by them. An extra-ordinary Full Council meeting will be held in May for this contract to be given full consideration by the Council.

Action Required

- i) To note this report.*