

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title:	Street Food Markets
Date:	7 February 2023
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Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a proposal regarding street food markets in 2023.

Update

2. At the October 2022 meeting, Officers recommended to continue to invite the operator to specific town council events, such as our Christmas switch on event.
3. The switch on event on 2 December 2022 went very well, and the food stalls reported good business, with all wishing to return this year. There were 8 stalls in total and payment was received in advance.
4. The committee agreed in October 2022 to approve the holding of more street food markets in 2023.

Proposal

5. There is now an opportunity to build on this developing model and hold several markets this year. Initial planning is considering holding a street food market in support of Taste of Thame in May, plus standalone events in June, July and August.
6. The Town Council would be required to obtain road closures to enable the street markets to take place on Friday 16 June, 21 July, and 18 August from 4pm until 10pm.
7. Previous financial terms were originally based on a percentage of takings from the stalls that attended. This model was changed to a fixed up-front payment for the Christmas event and seemed to work better for all involved.

Legal Powers:

- The Food Act 1984 part III

Recommendation:

The committee is asked:

- i) ***To approve that street food markets be held on Saturday 27 May 2023 (Taste of Thame), Friday 16 June 2023, Friday 21 July 2023, and Friday 18 August 2023, with associated road closures obtained.***