

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL****CABINET**  
**15<sup>th</sup> June 2010****Bewdley Town Market**

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<b>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME</b>	A better environment for today and tomorrow
<b>CORPORATE PLAN AIM:</b>	A Vibrant Local Economy
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	Councillor S J Clee
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<b>APPENDICES:</b>	Appendix 1 – Location Map Appendix 2 – Conditions

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To give the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services delegated authority to continue to grant authority to third parties to hold a weekly market on the Quayside, Bewdley (Appendix 1).

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE that:**

- 2.1 **The Director of Planning & Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to grant permission to third parties to hold a market on the land shown in Appendix 1, in accordance with the conditions set out in Appendix 2.**
- 2.2 **The Director of Planning & Regulatory Services be given delegated authority in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning & Economic Regeneration, to consider and agree any proposals for an extension to the current boundary of the market or to any suggested alternative location.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Wyre Forest District Council has ancient charter rights to hold markets and fairs in Kidderminster and Bewdley and statutory rights to hold markets and fairs anywhere in the Wyre Forest District.
- 3.2 The Charter Rights and operation of markets within the district are such that the Council has market authority and can claim protection from rival markets and fairs set up anywhere within a distance of six and two third miles from the Kidderminster or Bewdley Town boundaries.
- 3.3 Any person therefore who holds a market within this area needs to have the permission of the Council or its nominated agent.

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- 3.4 Until last year, a market had been held in Bewdley for some years on land off Dog Lane but that became untenable.
- 3.5 Preference was to hold a market on the Quayside area in Severnside South. It was felt that a well run attractive market would add to the vibrancy and commercial success of the area attracting visitors and local people alike.
- 3.6 In July 2009, Cabinet considered and agreed a report proposing that Bewdley Development Trust (BDT) be authorised to arrange the holding of a market on the Quayside on behalf of the Council. This has successfully been taking place since autumn of 2009.
- 3.7 Agreement was given for this arrangement initially for a 12 month period which is due to expire in July 2010. BDT have requested that this arrangement be continued under the same conditions, but have requested that the space available for the market be reconsidered if there is an increase in demand for stalls. At the moment, the land shown in Appendix 1 is considered appropriate for the size of the market held but the delegation suggested in the recommendation would give the opportunity for BDT to make a case for extending the boundaries or proposing an alternative location if demand dictated and for the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning & Economic Regeneration to consider this.

### **4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 At the time this matter was considered last year, local people and business were consulted on the siting of the market on the Quayside. The Council considered responses which indicated that there was overwhelming support for the market and, as far as possible, any specific concerns were addressed through the conditions.
- 4.2 Since the market has been operating, the Council has not received any complaints about its operation.
- 4.3 The conditions as to the operation of the Market set out at *Appendix 2* have been effective and remain relevant.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 As Bewdley Development Trust will continue to take on the responsibility for the day to day management of the market it is not the Council's intention to charge for the delegation of authority but the Development Trust may wish to charge the Operator a fee for using the site.

### **6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council has the right under the Markets Charter to delegate to the Bewdley Development Trust the right to hold a weekly market.
- 6.2 The holding of the market will be subject to conditions which will be part of the delegation to the Bewdley Development Trust.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

**8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 Continuing to allow the Bewdley Development Trust to hold a weekly market will add a vibrancy and support commercial success of Bewdley as a market town.

**9. CONSULTEES**

9.1 None.

**10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 None