

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN ROOM/BEWDLEY ROOM, WYRE FOREST HOUSE,
FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015 (6PM)

Present:

Councillors: H E Dyke (Chairman), S Arnold (Vice-Chairman), G W Ballinger, J R Desmond, J Greener, A T Hingley, D Little, T A Muir, C Rogers and S J Williams.

Observers

Councillors: J-P Campion and N Knowles.

OS.33 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Phillips.

OS.34 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor T A Muir was appointed as a substitute for Councillor J Phillips.

OS.35 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

OS.36 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

OS.37 Recommendations from the Kidderminster Town Centre Market Provision Review Panel

The Committee received the recommendations from the Kidderminster Town Centre Market Provision Review Panel.

The Chairman of the Review Panel, Councillor H Dyke, advised the Committee that the Panel had been established to look at where a market would fit within the regeneration of the Town Centre and the recommendations had been formulated to inform the market provision tender process which was scheduled to be advertised at the beginning of October 2015.

Councillor T A Muir entered the meeting at this point, (6.04pm).

The Director of Economic Prosperity and Place reminded Members that the outdoor

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market in Kidderminster was currently operated by way of a contract between the Council and LSD Promotions Ltd. The contract had expired and was currently being rolled over prior to a new tender for the market operation being advertised. Members were advised the North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration (NWEDR) Shared Service currently managed the contract for the market in Kidderminster. The outdoor markets in Bromsgrove and Redditch were also operated through the NWEDR Shared Service, and it was intended to appoint one or more operators to run and manage the three outdoor markets across North Worcestershire simultaneously.

Members of the Review Panel advised the Committee that they had found the exercise very useful and were pleased with the response to the public consultation.

Agreed: To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration:

- **To ensure there is ample opportunity to give the future market operator scope for investment in stalls (the design and style of which is to be approved by the Council) and equipment, the length of the contract should be for a period of 5 years and 5 years rolling.**
- **There is no change to the days of the week which the general market is held on. They continue to be held on a Thursday and Saturday, within the streets of the Town Centre as defined by a boundary map. The stalls be set up with due regard to health and safety compliance and with minimum disruption as possible to the existing business within the Town.**
- **The Council reserves the right to utilise the space identified for the general market to hold 4 special events / festival markets throughout the year. The special events / festival markets would be organised by the Town Centres Manager in consultation with the Town Centre Team. The Market Operator to be invited to be a Member of the Town Centre Team.**
- **On the occasions when festival markets are held over a 3 day period, the option may be given to the Market Operator to invite general market traders to take part in the 3 day events.**

OS.38 Feedback from Cabinet

Agreed: The content of the Cabinet action list following consideration of the recommendations from its meeting on 16th September 2015 be noted.

OS.39 Work Programme

Agreed: The work programme be noted.

OS.40 Press Involvement

There were no future items for scrutiny that might require publicity.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.47pm.