

MEETING OF COMMISSIONER KENNY
Friday, 1st May, 2015

Present:- Commissioner J. Kenny

Also in attendance Councillor D. Lelliott, Advisory Cabinet Member.

1. PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWN CENTRE EVENTS PROGRAMME - SUMMER 2015.

The report submitted by the Events Manager outlined a proposed change to the format of Rotherham's town centre summer events programme.

Included in the report: -

- Explanation of how the 'Rotherham by the Sea' event had worked in previous years;
- Referenced a 406 signature petition received in 2014 which had led to it being increased to a two-week festival from the usual one week event;
- Additional policing resources required from the Council and the Police;
- Impact on town centre businesses;
- Other successful events that had taken place in Rotherham.

The report proposed a five-week programme of events, each week having a different theme. Young People's Services and community associations would be involved to provide additionality to the events.

The breakdown of finance available for town centre events was considered. £7,400 was allocated yearly to staging 'Rotherham by the Sea'. It was proposed that £4,000 be reassigned to the provision of a Christmas event and £3,400 for a summer holiday programme of activities.

The report outlined initial consultation that had taken place with stakeholders.

Should the proposed summer events programme be approved, evaluation would take place at the end of the summer. If the overall event had been unsuccessful consideration could be given to reinstating 'Rotherham by the Sea' in 2016, subject to available funding.

2. ADOPTION OF A REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

The report submitted by the Senior Planning Officer related to a revised Statement of Community Involvement for how the Council consulted on

the Local Plan and planning applications.

The Council's existing Statement of Community Involvement was prepared to be consistent with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (as amended) (2004). Since then, other Acts impacted on Statements of Community Involvement, including the Localism Act (2011), National Planning Policy Framework (2012) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (2012). Consequently, the document was no longer a development plan document or subject to independent examination.

Rotherham's current Statement of Community Involvement had been reviewed and refreshed to create a new and user-friendly document that was fit for purpose. This had been consulted upon and details of the main responses received were included in the submitted report. The report also listed where amendments had been made in response to comments received.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

Both reports considered in the 'Exempt' section of the agenda were exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act (1972) (as amended). Paragraph 3 relates to the business affairs of any particular individual, including the Council.

4. MILLFOLD HOUSE DISPOSAL.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Strategic Housing and Investment Manager that outlined proposals to dispose of Millfold House, a council asset, by private treaty.

The submitted report outlined the private treaty process, including working with existing tenants and conditions of sale that would be applied prior to the sale of Millfold House. If they were not met within a specified conditional period, the sale contract would be terminated.

Commissioner Kenny deferred consideration of the report after indicating areas of the conditions of sale that should be developed.

5. FORGE ISLAND.

Consideration was given to the report submitted by the Corporate Property Manager that outlined options relating to Forge Island.

Commissioner Kenny deferred the report so that further development of the proposals could take place.