

CABINET MEMBER FOR TOWN CENTRES

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham. S60
2TH**

Date: Monday, 21st March, 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of previous meetings of the Cabinet Member for Town Centres held as follows:-
 - 10th January, 2011
 - 24th January, 2011
 - 7th February, 2011

For signature by the Cabinet Member
(Please see Minutes to be presented to Council meeting on 2nd March, 2011)

Extra Items:-

4. NABMA Annual Conference - Harrogate - 18th - 20th September, 2011.
 - to approve two delegates to attend.
5. Fairs Applications & Fairs Charges Review 2011 (report herewith) (Pages 1 - 3)
Robin Lambert, Markets General Manager, to report.
 - to approve the increases with effect from 1st April, 2011.
6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)):-
7. Town Centre Business Vitality Grants Scheme (report herewith) (Pages 4 - 10)
Bernadette Rushton, Retail Investment Manager, to report.
 - to consider an application for grant.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:-	Cabinet Member for Town Centres
2.	Date:-	21st March 2011
3.	Title:-	Fairs Applications & Fairs Charges Review 2011 All Wards
4.	Directorate:-	Environment & Development Services

5. Summary

To report on the fairs applications received and annual review of Fairs Charges in accordance with audit requirements.

- Wath Bonfire Ground.
- Spring Fair Herringthorpe Playing Fields.
- Kimberworth St. Pauls Fields.
- Clifton Park x 2
- Rawmarsh Victoria Park.
- Greasborough Recreation Ground.
- Maltby Craggs
- Rotherham Show
- New Application - Greenlands Park – North Anston

6. Recommendations

**That increases be approved as itemised in section 7.
effective from 1st April 2011.**

7. Proposals and Details

Having raised concerns over their falling attendances and increasing operating costs – in particular the cost of fuel; Showmen have requested that rents are frozen for 2011.

Market management propose that the following should be considered by Cabinet Member:

- Wath Bonfire Ground increase from £179.50 per day to £188.50
- Kimberworth St. Pauls Fields increase from £84.20 per day to £88.50
- Rawmarsh Victoria Park increase from £213.25 per day to £224.00
- Maltby Craggs increase from £ 114.00 per day to £120.00
- Greasborough Recreation Ground increase from £184.00 per day to £193.50
- Spring Fair HPF no increase in the charge of £6,682.00 as this fair is already charged much higher than all others. The operator has previously applied for a reduction in the rent.
- Rotherham Show increase of 5.0% on all equipment charges.
- Clifton Park no increase in the charge of £1,664.00 be considered for both fairs in 2011.

One operator has requested a rent reduction of 50% for the fair in Clifton Park, it is recommended that this request is refused.

- A new application has been received for a fair at Greenlands Park North Anston, Ward Councillors have yet to be consulted on this matter.
- The fairs previously held in Thurcroft have been withdrawn from the calendar, the operator failing to attend since 2007.

8. Finance

All the proposed increases are 5.0% and will attract additional income of £385.00 to RMBC.

RMBC management costs for all these events are minimal.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

With any increase in operating costs there is a risk that the fair may no longer be financial viable. This risk is considered to be minimal.

Refusal of the reduction to the Clifton Park fair rent may lead to the withdrawal of this application, however if the request was approved a similar application would almost certainly be made by the other operator of fairs in Clifton Park.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The provision of fairs for recreation and leisure is in line with the councils' corporate priorities of Achieving, Alive and Proud along with the crosscutting theme of Fairness.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Discussions have taken place with Showmen. Emergency Services, RMBC Highways, RMBC Health & Safety section, RMBC Culture & Leisure services and the Earl of Scarborough have been informed of the proposed fairs.

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