

MEETING OF COMMISSIONER KENNY
Thursday, 14th May, 2015

Present:- Commissioner J. Kenny.

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

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE TOWN CENTRE EVENTS PROGRAMME DURING SUMMER, 2015.

Three formal representations regarding the proposal to change the town centre events programme during summer, 2015, had been received following Commissioner Kenny's decision to support the proposal in principle on 1st May, 2015. Commissioner Kenny had also been made aware of seven informal representations which were Facebook comments.

She carefully reviewed all of the representations, which comprised of the following concern: -

- Children who accessed Rotherham by the Sea did not always get to experience playing in sand as they did not go on holiday.

Commissioner Kenny received information from the Events Manager that access to sand play was available all year round at Clifton Park, and water play was available there during the summer months. This was free to access. The Rotherham by the Sea event had not had access to any water play facilities for the previous two years due to concerns following a small number of incidents relating to health and safety and anti-social behaviour.

Following consideration of the representations, Commissioner Kenny confirmed her original decision, which was to support the proposal to change to the format of Rotherham's town centre summer events programme through the creation of 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.

As a result of the representations, Commissioner Kenny expected the following to commence: -

- That the issues be referred to Councillor D. Roche and the Events Team to explore the potential to hold a one-day seaside themed event at Clifton Park as part of the summer holiday activity programme.

All ideas for the events programme would be considered if they were submitted to the Events Team: - events@rotherham.gov.uk .