

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	<b>Meeting:-</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Town Centres</b>
2.	<b>Date:-</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2011</b>
3.	<b>Title:-</b>	<b>Fairs Applications &amp; Fairs Charges Review 2011 All Wards</b>
4.	<b>Directorate:-</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Development Services</b>

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.**

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## **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- The fairs previously held in Thurcroft have been withdrawn from the calendar, the operator failing to attend since 2007.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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