

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:-	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Business Growth and Regeneration
2.	Date:-	Friday 20 February 2015
3.	Title:-	Fairs Applications and Fairs Charges Review 2015 All Wards
4.	Directorate:-	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

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

- a) Wath Bonfire Ground 5 days 26th – 30th March 2015.
- b) Rawmarsh Victoria Park 4 days 16th – 19th April 2015.
- c) Spring Fair Herringthorpe Playing Fields 4 days 14th – 17th May 2015.
- d) Kimberworth St. Pauls Fields 5 days 19th – 23rd June 2015.
- e) Clifton Park 6 days 1st – 6th July 2015.
- f) Clifton Park 6 days 26th – 31st August 2015.
- g) Greasborough Recreation Ground 4 days 3rd – 6th September 2015
- h) Clifton Park Rotherham Show 2 days 12th and 13th September 2015.
- i) Maltby Wood Lea Common 4 days 16th – 19th September 2015.

6. Recommendations

That the fairs itemised in section 5 of this report be approved.

That charges for all district fairs remain frozen during 2015.

That charges for all apparatus at Rotherham Show 2015 remain frozen.

7. Proposals and Details

An annual review of fairs applications and charges has been carried out in accordance with audit requirements. The review was carried out by the Markets Management team and included discussions with Showmen.

Showmen have requested that current rental fees for all fairs be frozen. They have also indicated that an increase in the daily charge rate for the district funfairs may necessitate a reduction in the number of operating days in order to reduce their operating costs.

Having reviewed the current agreements and charges it is considered that it would be appropriate to freeze the charges on all district funfairs during 2015.

The DBS procedure to ensure safeguarding will apply to all showmen and be implemented as part of the application process.

8. Finance

All fairs income is split 50:50 with RMBC Leisure Green spaces and Events & promotions services.

RMBC management costs for all these events are minimal.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The provision of fairs for recreation and leisure is an essential element in the efforts to attract more people into the Town and help them to enjoy the Parks and Green spaces.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Discussions have taken place with Showmen .

Emergency Services, RMBC Highways, RMBC Health & Safety section, RMBC Culture & Leisure services to be notified upon Council approval.

Anston Greenlands Park – Expression of interest received. Remains subject to further consultation.

Contact : Dean Thurlow - Markets Operations Manager 01709 365021

dean.thurlow@rotherham.gov.uk