

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL– FULL COUNCIL 14.11.2022

ITEM 134A – LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

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Strategic Goal:	1. To continue to support the village so it becomes a vibrant and sustainable community for everyone
Strategic Aim:	1.1 Work together to improve and promote our village
Legislation:	Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 and Food Act 1984
Summary:	Details on how the council could deliver a local produce market

Background

At its recent councillor development day, councillors were keen to pursue the idea of a local produce market.

There are various options on how this initiative could operate and some of these are identified below.

Options

Options	Details	Commitments
Organised In house	WPC would take on all the responsibility, liabilities and profits using internal resources (Ast Clerk/Clerk/GMO) Terms and Conditions would follow those of the Christmas Fair WPC Insurance policy would be used providing option cover is available Additional training may be required to supervise road closures	Staff time and presence on day. Budget allocation for initiative and training
Businesses/suppliers	Local businesses within South Oxfordshire could be approached to gauge interest in the initiative.	Staff time (if in house)
Use external company	External company would take on all the responsibility, liabilities, and profits. Terms and conditions would be set by company WPC may need to pass on details of landowners	
Open access	Access to High St could be maintained if sites were allocated strategically i.e., outside Merry Bells, on Village Sq etc. eliminating the need for road closures. This approach would limit the number of available spaces, but may be suitable for an initial event	Liaison with landowners and local businesses
Road closure	Access to High St could be restricted as road would be closed (as for Christmas Fair) This approach would allow for a greater number of stalls but may be unsuitable for an initial event	Liaison with landowners and local businesses Budget for road closure
Dates	Depending on the approach and availability but given that there is currently no budget for this initiative in	Review of village planned activities

	the 2022/23 budget, considering a date after 1 st April or on the first May bank holiday weekend may be more suitable.	
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Recommendation

For council to consider the best approach for the council and the village