

RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17th OCTOBER 2022

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR BUILDING AND PUBLIC REALM

A.2 SCRUTINY OF THE DECISION TO GIVE CONSENT FOR AN EVENT BY FRINTON SUMMER THEATRE.

(Report prepared by Andy White)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To facilitate review of the decision to grant consent for Frinton Summer Theatre to provide a tented theatre for the production of plays for four weeks on the Greensward at Frinton on Sea in the summer of 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council has freehold ownership of The Greensward at Frinton. Frinton Summer Theatre, Registered Charity No: 1170429, applied to erect a tent on the Greensward in order to put on a main summer production, a secondary production and community outreach activities. The application was refused at the first instance following informal discussion with the ward members.

The applicant asked for the decision to be reviewed and provided additional details. Ordinarily this decision would have been made at an officer level. In this case the ward members were opposed to the production whereas other local members and businesses were in support. Given the diversity of local views It was proposed that the Portfolio Holder determine the matter.

The Portfolio Holder considered the opinions around the matter and decided to allow the event to take place. The full report provided to the Portfolio Holder including representations on both sides of the discussion is attached as Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee considers the report and determines whether it wishes to make any recommendation to the Portfolio Holder.

REASON(S) FOR THE RECOMMENDATION(S)

To facilitate consideration by the Committee and the making of any recommendations.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The attached report outlines options available at the time

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

The attached report outlines information in relation to Corporate priorities.

OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The attached report outlines consultation and views expressed at the time.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (including legislation & constitutional powers)	
The attached report outlines legal and governance considerations.	
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No additional comments	
FINANCE AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
The production of itself was entirely cost neutral to the Council. The organisers paid sums for the hire of the land and for use and staffing of the lavatories. Amounts are confidential but can be provided to members outside of the public meeting.	
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No additional comments	
USE OF RESOURCES AND VALUE FOR MONEY	
The attached report outlines issues around use of resources	
MILESTONES AND DELIVERY	
The attached report outlines issues around timescales.	
ASSOCIATED RISKS AND MITIGATION	
The attached report outlines issues around risks.	
EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS	
The attached report outlines issues around equalities.	
SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS	
The attached report outlines issues around social value.	
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S AIM TO BE NET ZERO BY 2030	
The attached report outlines issues around emissions.	
OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPLICATIONS	
The attached report outlines issues around other implications.	

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND	
The attached report outlines the background to the decision	
PREVIOUS RELEVANT DECISIONS	
The attached report outlines previous decisions.	
BACKGROUND PAPERS AND PUBLISHED REFERENCE MATERIAL	
None.	

APPENDICES	
Appendix A Report provided to the Portfolio Holder.	

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