

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

CMT Officer:

Carol Pilson, Corporate Director & Monitoring Officer

Lead Officers:

Mark Greenwood, Head of Property, Assets and Major Projects,
Annabel Tighe, Head of Environmental Health and Compliance Manager

Delegated Power Being Exercised:

101. To authorise licences to assign for any lease, grant any way leave or easement, or to agree any change (including revocation) of any freehold or leasehold covenant where it is in the Council's interest to do so.

113. To operate and manage fairs including the authorisation of or taking of enforcement action where appropriate.

Subject of Decision: To approve the relocation of twice yearly Wisbech Mart and Statute Fairs - with corresponding car park closures - to Church Terrace Car Park, Wisbech.

Decision Taken:

Approval to use Church Terrace Car Park twice yearly as the new location for the Mart and Statute Fairs in Wisbech including closing the car park during those events, to accommodate residential and fair equipment.

The Showman's Guild will be licenced to use the site at fees in accordance with published scale of charges as approved by members.

Reason for the Decision:

To enable the Wisbech Statute and Mart Fairs to visit the town and hold these historic events twice yearly.

The decision is required due to the change in lease arrangements with the National Trust in relation to Chapel Road Car Park which has been the location of these fairs in previous years.

Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

Alternative locations were considered including Somers Road Car park and the Wisbech Park.

A public consultation was held, and Church Terrace was the preferred option.

Implications:

The new site is close to several residential properties where disturbance may be an issue.

The Showman's Guild will provide 3 emergency contact numbers for residents and other agencies to use during their time on site.

Letters informing residents of the dates of the Fair's arrival, including their operating hours, will be delivered to local residents in January / February. Communication will remain ongoing to ensure the new location is working.

Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:

N/A

<p>Officer's Signature:</p> <p>Carol Pilson</p> <p>In consultation with: Cllr Jan French Cllr Steve Tierney Cllr Sam Hoy Cllr Susan Wallwork Cllr Peter Murphy</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>30 January 2025</p>
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