

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 15TH JULY, 2022, 9.30 - 9.45 AM

PRESENT: Councillor Julie Davies, Cabinet Member for Communities and Civic Life.

In attendance: Sarah Jones, Events and Partnership Manager; and Fiona Rae, Acting Committees Manager.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPLICATION BY KRANK EVENTS LTD TO HIRE FINSBURY PARK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE FOOD AND MUSIC WEEKENDS IN AUGUST 2022

The Cabinet Member for Communities and Civic Life considered the report which sought determination of an application made by Krank Events Ltd (the Applicant) to hire Finsbury Park in August 2022 in order to stage two 'large' food and music festivals, over two consecutive weekends (Saturday and Sunday). The application was required to be determined pursuant to the Council's Outdoor Events Policy (the Policy), which was approved by Cabinet on 17 December 2013, and implemented on 7 January 2014.

Following consideration of the exempt information,

The Cabinet Member RESOLVED

1. To consider, and take account of, the comments received from recognised stakeholders of Finsbury Park in response to the event notification being sent as part of the decision-making process (attached as Appendix 2).
2. To authorise the (Interim) Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to approve conditional in-principle agreement to hire Finsbury Park to the Applicant for the events and dates detailed in the report as set out in paragraph 6.4, BUT also (1) subject to the events being permissible under any then prevailing government legislation and guidance in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, and (2) with the agreement of the Council's (interim) Director of Public Health.
3. To authorise the Interim Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to enter into agreements and or to grant permits to hire Finsbury Park to the Applicant (for the events detailed in the report as set out in paragraph 6.4) provided that the Director

of Environment and Neighbourhoods is satisfied with the terms of any proposed agreements and permits.

Reasons for decision

Under the terms of the Policy, applications of the type detailed in this report are required to be determined with the prior agreement of the Cabinet Member.

If authority is given, then officers will give in-principle agreement to the Applicant for the event application to progress. The events will then be subject to lengthy discussions with relevant authorities - including Licensing and Public Health - before final approval is given.

The rejection of the application would have implications for the Parks & Leisure Service budget and reduce the opportunity for reinvestment into Finsbury Park (the Park). It would also mean that the wider cultural and economic benefits to the borough were lost.

Alternative options considered

In adopting the Policy, the Council established its commitment to using the Park to host events. Accordingly, the only other alternative option which could be considered would be to reject the application. That option was rejected, on the grounds that the events did not fall within any of the grounds set out in paragraph 5.3 of the Policy for automatic refusal.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as item 5 contained exempt information, as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paras 3 and 5, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

5. EXEMPT - APPLICATION BY KRANK EVENTS LTD TO HIRE FINSBURY PARK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE FOOD AND MUSIC WEEKENDS IN AUGUST 2022

The Cabinet Member considered the exempt information.

CABINET MEMBER: Cllr Julie Davies

Signed by Cabinet Member

Date ...15 July 2022.....