

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING HELD ON TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 2017, 2.00pm**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Peray Ahmet (Chair)**

### **1. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Cabinet Member referred those present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting and asked that those present reviewed and noted the information contained therein.

### **2. URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business to consider.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were declarations of interest put forward.

### **4. APPLICATION BY MANNING'S FAIRVIEW COMPANY LIMITED TO HIRE PRIORY PARK FOR A FAMILY FUNFAIR 2017**

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered an application by Manning Fairview Company LTD to hire Priory Park over 10 days in April and May 2017 in order to stage a family fun fair.

It was noted that this application was in line with the Council's Outdoor Events policy which was approved by the Cabinet in December 2013 and implemented on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.

The Cabinet Member for Environment was pleased to note that the concerns of the Friends of Priory Park, in relation to the close proximity of the event to the annual Priory Park Fun Run, had been considered by Manning's, and the original dates planned for the family fun fair, amended to accommodate this.

The Cabinet Member for Environment sought clarification on the assessment undertaken to ensure the increased duration of the event could be accommodated and would not have a negative impact on other park users. In response, it was noted that the Parks team had attended the family fun fair event held, last year, in August, and it was felt that the increase in the number of days could be facilitated with adequate space available for other park users.

In response to concerns raised by Friends of Priory Park, in the consultation, on the increased duration of this event, they had been assured by the Parks team that the application would be judged on its merits and there would have been a thorough process undertaken to ensure that the application was in a strong position to be put forward for Cabinet Member agreement.

The Cabinet Member for Environment further acknowledged the concerns of the Friends of Priory Park in relation to the duration of the event and asked that a post review and inspection of the event be completed with learning taken forward for future events.

In considering the recommendations, the Cabinet Member for Environment also noted that there had been no representations made by ward councillors.

## **RESOLVED**

1. To note the comments received from recognised stakeholders of Priory Park in response to the event notification being sent as part of the decision making process.
2. To authorise the Assistant Director – Commercial and Operations, to approve conditional in principle agreement to hire Priory Park to the event promoter for the event detailed in this report as set out in para 6.4.
3. To agree that the conditions which are to be attached to any final approval of authority are as set out in the comments of the Assistant Director, Corporate Governance at paragraph 8.2.7 below.

## **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 applications to progress. The events will then be subject to discussions with relevant authorities before final agreement is given.

The rejection of the application would have implications for the Parks Service budget, and reduce the opportunity for reinvestment into Priory Park (the Park) and other parks. 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 for 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 event does not fall within any of the grounds set out in paragraph 5.3 of the Policy for automatic refusal.

**5. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None

**6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the items below contain exempt information, as defined under Paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**7. APPLICATION BY MANNING'S FAIRVIEW COMPANY LIMITED TO HIRE PRIORY PARK FOR A FAMILY FUNFAIR 2017**

As per item 4

**8. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS**

None

CHAIR: Councillor Peray Ahmet

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....