

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL, 2019, 14:00.

PRESENT:

Councillor Kirsten Hearn, Cabinet member for Environment.

104. 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 Members noted the information contained therein'.

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

106. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

108. APPLICATION BY MANNING'S FAIRVIEW TO HIRE PRIORY PARK FOR A FAMILY FUNFAIR BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 2019

The Cabinet Member considered a report which sought determination of an application for the hire of Priory Park by Manning's Fairview to hire part of the park from 26th April – 6th May 2019 for a funfair.

The Cabinet Member was advised that this was the sixth year that the event had taken place in the park and it was primarily aimed at younger children. In response to a question around the number of complaints received from the event in previous years, officers advised that there were very few, if any, and reassured the Cabinet Member that music volume was relatively low. The Cabinet Member sought clarification over the opening times for the funfair. In response, officers advised that it ran from 4pm to 9pm.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet Member for Environment:

- I. Noted that no comments were received from recognised stakeholders of Priory Park, in response to the event notifications being sent as part of the decision making process.
- II. Authorised the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, to approve conditional in-principle agreement to hire Priory Park to the funfair operator for the event detailed in this report as set out in paragraph 6.5 of the report.

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 discussions between the Applicant and the Council 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. 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 use the park for a limited number of funfairs and circuses each year. 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.

109. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

110. 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.

111. APPLICATION BY MANNING'S FAIRVIEW TO HIRE PRIORY PARK FOR A FAMILY FUNFAIR BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 2019

The Cabinet Member noted the information contained within the Exempt Part B of the report.

112. ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date