

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 18 June 2013

Subject: Request for Scrutiny – Proposal to introduce charges for Party in the Park

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

Summary of main issues

1. A request for Scrutiny has been received from Councillor John Procter. This relates to the delegated decision to approve the proposal to introduce charges for Party in the Park. Councillor Procter's request is attached as Appendix 1
2. A copy of the delegated decision notice and accompanying report are attached at Appendix 2.
3. Councillor Procter has been invited to attend the meeting to outline his request to the Board. Relevant officers have also been invited to attend the meeting to explain the background to the decision-making process.
4. In summary, Councillor Procter is asking the Board to consider invoking its constitutional power to call for a report on the decision-making process to be produced for Council, explaining why this decision was not classed as a key decision.
5. The decision to require such a report to Council is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board.
6. When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board may wish to consider:
 - If further information is required before considering whether to require a report to Council;

- If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements; and
- The level of resources required to produce such a report

Recommendations

6. The Scrutiny Board is asked to:
- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from Councillor Procter.
 - (ii) Determine if it wishes to require a report to Council and, if so, the timescale for requiring such a report to be produced.

Background papers¹

7. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.