

## FULL COUNCIL

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**Date:** Monday, 13 February 2023

**Title:** Witney Music Festival Partnership Agreement

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk - Adam Clapton

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### Background

At the meeting of the Stronger Communities Committee on 26 September 2022, it was agreed that Witney Town Council should enter into a partnership agreement with Witney Music Festival to facilitate an annual community event on The Leys.

A Memorandum of Understanding Partnership Agreement was drafted in consultation with the Policy, Governance and Finance Committee and Witney Music Festival.

### Current Situation

At the meeting of the Policy, Governance & Finance Committee on 30 January 2023, the partnership agreement (attached) was recommended for adoption by the Council with an amendment to section 8.

### Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

- There is a financial risk to the Council should funds be paid as part of the agreement. These have been mitigated through the creation of this document.
- There is a reputational risk should the Council not enter into an agreement and the community benefit to the town is not realised.

### Financial implications

- There is agreement to provide annual funding to the Witney Music Festival Leys event.

## **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Adopting and therefore entering into a Partnership Agreement with Witney Music Festival (as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding).