

SPORT AND PLAY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 2 November 2020

Title: Third Party Events

Contact Officer: Operations and Estates Officer - John Hickman

Background

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the situation relating to third party events held on Council owned land, as well new COVID-19 guidance on events from Oxfordshire County Council Safety Advisory Group.

Guidance

The Safety Advisory Group (SAG) has asked that it is notified about all events taking place within Oxfordshire and have offered to provide advice on any event or if there are any concerns regarding an event that is running within the Town.

SAG has also provided a Covid 19 Guidance Document that will need to be adhered to for any event/mass gathering of more than 30 people. Officers will be contacting each of the Council's regular events holders to see if they are considering running their events in 2021. Hirer's will be provided with copies of the Council's latest events policy and application pack along with the current Covid 19 guidance from SAG for they are considering running their events in 2021.

Witney Carnival 2021

At the request of the Rotary Club of Witney Officers will be meeting with representatives to discuss the 2021 Carnival.

Hatwells May Fair 2021

At this stage, an event application from Hatwell Funfairs for the May Fair 2021 is also anticipated.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind 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.

The Council Officers continue to keep under review the guidance and regulations relating to COVID-19 in order to safeguard staff and the public from contracting the virus.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications rising directly from this report

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and SAG guidance.