

## **STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday, 19 July 2021

**Title:** Witney Town Council Tea Dance

**Contact Officer:** Venue & Events Officer – Tomas Smith

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### **Background**

For many years Witney Town Council has hosted a weekly tea dance in Langdale Hall/Corn Exchange. The event was run by Mr R Faulks, an employee of the Council on Wednesday afternoons and was hugely popular as a community event, attended not only by residents of Witney, but visitors from further afield.

### **Current Situation**

Following a hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Mr L Horlick has approached the Council to propose the reinstatement of the Witney Town Council weekly Tea Dance, taking over from Mr Faulks following his retirement.

He has proposed running it on a Thursday instead of a Wednesday due to him being unavailable on a Wednesday. He will provide all relevant music, and DJ the dance but would like to use the Council's speakers and sound system.

Mr Horlick is an experienced DJ and has previously worked with Mr Faulks, as well as covering for him when required.

The Tea Dance would run from 12 – 3.30, previously it was charged at £2.00 per ticket which included a tea or coffee and a biscuit. It would be up to this committee to agree on a ticket price.

A raffle was previously run – this would be up to Mr Horlick to organise if he wished to continue doing this.

### **Environmental impact**

There is no known environmental impact arising from this issue.

## **Risk**

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

## **Financial implications**

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- The associated staffing costs for the period 12-3.30pm per week
- The cost of refreshments, previously reimbursed to the host at the approximate cost of £5 per week.

## **Recommendations**

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

1. The return of the weekly tea dance/community event in the Corn Exchange with Mr Horlick hosting, and if yes;
2. The terms of the operation, including costs and attendee charges.