



Committee and Date

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Introducing a fee/charge for events on the highway involving Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO's)

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1.0 Summary

1.1 A proposal to consider introducing a reasonable / defensible fee for events that take place on the highway which involve either a temporary road closure or some other form of Temporary Traffic Regulation order such as a temporary rescind of parking or parking restrictions.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 For the committee to consider the proposal and offer recommendations on a revised draft policy and fee structure. Also to advise on a possible timeline to finalise a revised policy/fee structure with a view to presenting to Cabinet in June/July 2022.

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3.0 Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal

3.1 An opportunity for a further income stream allowing assistance to fund and maintain a range of key services for Shropshire residents and those who visit the county.

3.2 Any revised charge/process would be new to regular and historical event organisers. There may be some consideration to ensuring revisions/fees are reasonable, defensible, pass Audit scrutiny and accurately reflect officers time and incurred costs.

3.3 Consideration of Town/Parish Council, community led and charitable events and an appropriate, reasonable process to reflect partnering initiatives, community engagement, Authority ethos and reputation.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 Opportunity for increased income year on year.

4.2 Some community/charitable organisations may be have limited budgets.

5.0 Climate change appraisal

5.1 None

6.0 Background

6.1 The council has always supported events in the county, which are popular with residents and visitors. They promote active lifestyles and, in most cases, boost the local economy. However we also have challenging financial savings to deliver in 2022/23 and future years with a large structural deficit. Some commercial organisers have been achieving healthy profits from events in recent years and it seems both reasonable and appropriate to consider and apply charges for the use of the council's highways as many other local authorities do.

7.0 Conclusion

7.1 There is now an initiative to review the current process, look to increase income and introduce a reasoned/defendable charge where appropriate to do so.

List of background papers:
Initial briefing note
Cabinet member: Dean Carroll
Local member N/A
Appendices i. Initial briefing note to Directors and Portfolio Holder ii. List of current known 2022 events county-wide.