



TITLE OF CONSULTATION: RYEDALE MARKETS

OFFICER REQUESTING: MARGARET WALLACE, HEAD OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek approval to adhere to the Government guidance that Markets remain open for essential goods and the closing of stalls for non-essential goods. To request that Markets traders are given a three month holiday on pitch site fees for all traders as a gesture of support local business in challenging times.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) Markets stay open for essential goods and we inform non-essential market traders that they cannot trade.
- (ii) Approval for a three month suspension on all market fees including essential traders is given.
- (iii) It is noted that the Police will now enforce non-compliance on social distancing

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 Guidance from the Government Covid-19 and NMTF (National Market Traders Federation) recommends that all markets should remain open but only for essential goods which include, food and grocery, household goods, hardware supplies, bicycle, pet supplies and newsagents. The recommendation that all other traders that are non-essential should cease trading.

3.2 The closure of non-essential stalls will have a significant effect on traders' livelihoods. The market traders have made a request that in the circumstances Ryedale District Council supports them in these difficult times and suspends fees. Other local authorities have suspended pitch site fees and have guaranteed the market traders their pitches back after the lockdown.

3.3 Ryedale District Council has a very good working relationship with the Market traders which we want to maintain. We have already received complaints that we have not done enough to help support them in this difficult time.

3.4 Financial assistance at this time would ensure our good working relationship and also help towards traders getting back to normal after the Covid-19 outbreak and

maintaining that good community spirit.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 There is significant reputational risk to Ryedale District Council if it does not support our local Markets in these challenging times. There is a financial cost to the council, however, not suspending fees could result in market traders possibly running up debt due to none payment.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The following implications have been identified:

a) Financial

There is a financial cost to the council over the three months period of suspensions of fees as highlighted below total cost over a three month period to suspending market fees would be £ 13,500

Markets	Financial Impact			
			Weekly	3 Months Impact
Helmsley		No Pitches	Income £	Income £
Food		4	100.00	1200.00
Essential		2	50.00	600.00
Non-Essential		9	225.00	2700.00
Non-attendance-notified		8	200.00	2400.00
Total		23	575.00	6,900.00
			Weekly	3 Months Impact
Pickering		No Pitches	Income £	Income £
Food		5	125.00	1,500.00
Essential		2	50.00	600.00
Non-Essential		10	250.00	3,000.00
Non-attendance-notified		5	125.00	1,500.00
Total		22	550.00	6,600.00

b) Legal

Government have issued Covid-19 guidance that Markets should only remain open for essential good.

c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental and Climate

Change, Crime & Disorder)
None

6.0 MONITORING OFFICER ADVICE

Consultation is required with the Leader.

7.0 CONSULTATION RECORD

According to the Constitution, under urgency powers, decisions usually taken by the Council and its committees are taken by the CEO following consultation with the appropriate elected members.

The appropriate elected members are:

- The Leader of the Council
- The Chair of the appropriate committee, for matters relating to that specific committee¹
- Relevant Ward member(s), if any, for matters of particular relevance to that ward²

Name of consultee	Cllr Duncan – Leader
This is urgently required to comply with government guidance and support market traders at this difficult time. I have been able to discuss this with Steve Arnold (Deputy Leader of Council; Ryedale First Independent group leader; Helmsley ward member) and Di Keal (Liberal Democrat group leader) who agreed with this approach.	
Date consultation completed	31-03-20

8.0 DECISION

Decision of the CEO based on consultation	The recommendations are approved
Date	31-03-20

¹ “Chairman of the appropriate Committee” refers to committee specific matters and does not mean that all Committee Chairs will be consulted on everything

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