

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 97/18

8 OCTOBER 2018

The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to consider a request from the organisers of Ventnorville 2018 for a financial contribution towards its costs and the provision of free parking in the Town Council's four car parks.

No. DETAILS

I) BACKGROUND

- a) Ventnor's Christmas event is being organised to take place over the three days from Friday 30 November to Sunday 2 December.
- b) A request has been received from the organisers for a contribution to the costs of lighting and securing the Festive Market that will be located in the upper half of the Central Car Park for which the combined costs of lighting, temporary toilet, security fencing and the Isle of Wight Council's closure fee is £1,390.
- c) A contribution of £500 towards that cost has already been committed from the Ventnor Business Association and the Town Council is requested to match that amount, compared with the £400 contribution it made last year.
- d) The Town Council is also requested to provide free car parking in its carparks.

2) CAR PARKS

- a) Management of the Town Council's four Car Parks is delegated to the Town Clerk advised by the Assets and Services Working Group.
- b) Last year it was agreed to provide free parking in all four Car Parks on 2 December for the Island's Small Business Day and for Ventnorville on Saturday 9 December.
- c) The request this year is to provide that facility for all three days of the planned event that also coincides with the Small Business Saturday.

3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to:

- i) agree a contribution of £500 to this year's Ventnorville event; and
- ii) ask the Assets and Services Working Group to respond to the request for free car parking during the event.