



# VENTNOR DAY 2024

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING REPORT 26/24

10 JUNE 2024

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The purpose of this Report is to recommend Members agree to moving Ventnor Day to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### 1) BACKGROUND

- a) Ventnor Day is scheduled to take place in Ventnor Park on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- b) Southern Water announced that works are scheduled to take place on the Newport Road (The Graben) from 8am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. However, the duration of the work is subject to change should additional works be identified during the repair of the displaced sewage pipe and subsidence. Traffic will be diverted as a result of the works and it is unlikely that Gills Cliff Road will be open by the time the works are due to commence.
- c) Preparation for Ventnor Day begins on the 5<sup>th</sup> July in Ventnor Park with access for delivery of equipment and wares via Park Avenue.
- d) The General Election will be taking place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July meaning that equipment is not available from the Isle of Wight Council and therefore stallholders will be asked to provide their own tables and chairs thereby increasing the amount they will need to unload from their vehicles.
- e) A risk assessment had been prepared for Ventnor Day and was reviewed in light of the announcement by Southern Water. The preparation for Ventnor Day involves a significant number of vehicles delivering equipment and wares to Ventnor Park. The Health and Safety considerations involved led to the conclusion that it would not be possible to run the event safely with the amount of traffic likely to use the Park Avenue route due to diversions. The risk of serious injury or a fatality is heightened by the numerous extra movements now required by the stallholders for equipment to be unloaded and collected.
- f) Ventnor Park is being used for the Children's Fayre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August and there is scope for Ventnor Day to join this event.
- g) Other dates were considered. However, Ventnor Park has other events taking place which have already been booked including the Ventnor Fringe and the Bandstand.

### 2) RECOMMENDATION

- a) Members are recommended to agree to Ventnor Day being moved from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August in response to the announcement by Southern Water concerning works on the Newport Road.