

## **Dorchester Markets Joint Informal Panel**

To appoint to the Dorchester Car Boot  
Grant Funding Panel for 2019-20

Date of Meeting: 26 June 2019

Lead Member: Councillor Alford,  
Cabinet Member for Customer, Community and Regulatory  
Services

Lead Officer: Kathleen Boston-Mammah, Community Development Team Leader

Executive Summary:

To appoint four members of the joint informal panel to sit on the Dorchester Car Boot Grant Funding Panel.

Equalities Impact Assessment:

Not applicable

Budget:

To ensure the distribution of funds ring-fenced for the allocation for local voluntary and charitable organisations.

Risk Assessment:

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as: LOW – no direct implications

Recommendation:

- (a) To appoint four members of the panel to sit on the Car Boot Grant Funding Panel for the period of 2019-20, in order to oversee the distribution of the net Sunday Car Boot Sale proceeds to local charitable and voluntary organisations.
- (b) That the funding allocations list be reported back to a future meeting of the Dorchester Markets Joint Informal Panel.

Appendices: None

Background Papers:

The 2006 Protocol between West Dorset District Council and Dorchester Town Council in relation to the distribution of Dorchester Sunday Car Boot Sales and the Variation of that Protocol dated July 2011.

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### **Background and Summary of Information**

1. For a number of years the Dorchester Markets Joint Informal Panel has managed a Sunday Car Boot Sale on most Sundays throughout the year. This market has been facilitated by the Market Operator Ensors on behalf of the two partner councils of West Dorset District Council (now Dorset Council) and Dorchester Town Council. The proceeds from the Car Boot Sales has traditionally been distributed to local charitable and voluntary organisations.
2. A Protocol in relation to the distribution of the Sunday Market Surpluses (otherwise known as the proceeds of the Dorchester Sunday Car Boot Sale) was established in September 2006 and varied by the Joint Informal Panel in July 2011.
3. The variation meant that West Dorset District Council (now Dorset Council) retains 100% of the monies generated from the Sunday Car Boot Sales subject to the assurances that those monies continue to be set aside for good causes. They should also continue to be distributed on the advice and recommendations from a four member group appointed from the main Dorchester Markets Informal Panel. This variation was sought for a reduction in administration, which had become burdensome for Dorchester Town Council. The variation had no impact on the way in which the Sunday Car Boot monies was ring-fenced or distributed.
4. The responsibility to determine the allocations to local voluntary bodies, based on the criteria approved by the two councils, is a delegated function to officers of Dorset Council and a four member sub group is required to oversee the funds distribution. The Protocol suggests two councillors be appointed from each council.
5. In 2018-19 the sub group consisted of the following councillors. Cllrs A Chisholm, Cllr J Hewitt, Cllr M Penfold and Cllr M Rennie. On average the panel meets once to twice in the year for the purpose of allocating the car boot funds.

6. Members of the joint informal panel are asked to appoint four members (two from each council) to sit on the Car Boot Grant Funding Panel for the period of 2019-2020 in order to oversee the distribution of the net Sunday Car Boot Sale proceeds to local charitable organisations.