

Report to the Licensing Committee

Report Reference: LCS-004-2015/16
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Subject: Road Closures - Waiver of fee for Town or Parish Councils for events to be held on Remembrance Sunday each year.

Responsible Officer: Kim Tuckey (01992 564034).

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Decision Required:

(1) To consider the waiving of fees for Road Closures for the Town & Parish Councils for events to be held on Remembrance Sunday every year.

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1. The Town & Police Clauses Act 1847 Act gives Local Authorities powers for preventing obstruction of the streets in times of public procession, rejoicing, or illuminations, and in any case when the streets are thronged or liable to be obstructed by substantial numbers of people, on foot or in a vehicle, participating as spectators or otherwise in the occasion. These powers have been interpreted to include making a temporary road closure although not all orders under this power need take the form of a closure. This Act can be used for commercial and non-commercial events.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

It has been drawn the attention of the Council that Essex Police can no longer support the Parish & Town Councils for events that they hold on Remembrance Sunday around the district. A letter from Essex Police was only received late in September resulting in the Parish & Town councils not having the opportunity to make application to the district council. The Council requires that applicants give at least three months' notice, to enable a full consultation to be carried out. Until now the Parish & Town councils had no need to make applications for road closures because Essex Police assisted with the closures using their own powers.

The District Council currently charges a fee of £170 for a road closure.

Other Options for Action:

To not waive the fee for the Town & Parish Councils on Remembrance Sunday.

Resource Implications:

No fee for processing applications received

Legal and Governance Implications:

None.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

None.

Consultation Undertaken:

None.

Background Papers:

None.

Risk Management:

No risks to the Council identified.