

Item 8 - Swanley Sunday Market

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 5 January 2021. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (5 January 2022, Minute 28)

The Head of Direct Services presented the report which updated Members on a proposal for an additional Sunday street Market in Swanley.

The Council's current contractor, Bray Associates had approached the Council with a proposal for consideration to offer an additional Sunday street market at the same location as the existing Swanley Wednesday market. This would initially be trialled as a 6-month pilot. Negotiations with LCP Properties who own the Shopping Centre were ongoing and in principle an agreement for a 6 month pilot had been agreed. Dartford Borough Council had been consulted and had no objections to an additional Sunday street market.

Bray Associates proposed to pay the Council £4,000 per week for the first month of the Sunday market pilot and £6,000 per week for the remainder of the pilot, which would give a total income of £144,000 for the 6-month pilot.

The Committee discussed the report and some concern was expressed by Members on the negative impact an additional market could have to Swanley, including problems with litter, traffic and parking and an increase of emissions to the area. It was noted by Members that as the scheme was a trial, this would allow any issues to be managed before any adoption of a more permanent market. Additionally, Members noted that Swanley Town Council were unhappy with the proposal.

The Head of Direct Services confirmed that a pilot would be trialled for 6 months and discussions would take place with Swanley Town Council and the public. Mitigation works could be introduced if required which would be funded by the additional income provided by the market.

Public sector equality duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the proposal for an additional Sunday market, be endorsed subject to the following comments made by the Advisory Committee:

- a) the market should be tightly managed
- b) the public and Swanley Town Council should be rigorously consulted
- c) following completion of the pilot, a report should be brought to the Committee with an update.