

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Monday 6th June 2022**

Officer: Mike Cox – Outdoor Recreation and Asset Manager

MARKETS UPDATE

Purpose of Report

To update the Council on the current situation within the Indoor and Outdoor Market

UPDATE

Indoor market continues to perform well with 100% occupancy.

Traders have now completed refurbishing their stalls, and therefore no more disruption during normal operating days.

The market was open for the bank holidays 2nd and 3rd June.

The market had its next late night Saturday on 4th June, but also some traders are having their own late night ticketed events on the 1st July, 29th July, 26th August, 23rd September, 4th November and the 9th December.

SUNDAY MARKET

The Sunday market is fluctuating regarding attendances and number of traders. It is obvious when the West Midlands Show Ground has an event, a lot of the car boot traders come to Harlescott.

However what the manager is also finding is that some traders travel to several markets during the week, and with fuel prices so high, they are having to cut back on the number of venues, as they tend to live in the stoke and Birmingham areas, they are focusing on markets in their locality.

Another worry the manager is having to contend with at the moment is security of the site.

The Height restrictive barriers have been damaged and issues have arisen with travelers on site, driving through the pedestrian area of the market and car boot site which puts customers to the market at risk of collision.

He will be provided a body camera so evidence can be obtained, should an incident of a similar nature occur.

When unauthorized vehicles are on the site, the manager also has to contend with an increase in litter, he arrives early (3.30am) to ensure the site is cleansed before the market opens.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the report is noted