

Dunoon market relocation to town centre

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides information regarding the potential movement of the market from the Coal Pier to the town centre.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Area Committee approves the potential changes.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 It was minuted at the October meeting of the Dunoon and National Park Waterfront / Argyll Street Development Group that a more central location should be trialled for the market.

3.2 Three locations were suggested as possible sites

3.2.1 Argyll Street between Moir Street and Church Street was the preferred site.

3.2.2 Alternative 1 was Hanover Street (St. John's Church) and alternative 2 was the Kent Trust Car Park.

4. DETAIL

4.1 It is possible to close a road on a repeat basis for an event. Approval from the Scottish Ministers is required for this however it is questionable whether a market would qualify.

4.2 Normal road closure processes would require to be followed:

4.2.1 Consultation with emergency services

4.2.2 Appropriate advertising

4.2.3 Suitable signing of diversion routes.

4.2.4 There are costs associated with these e.g. £546 for promoting the order plus costs of adverts, costs for physically installing closure and diversion signage.

4.2.5 An emergency path may be necessary through the site which will restrict potential layout.

4.3 Planning permission will be required.

4.4 The market operator has indicated that he may be agreeable to trial this and this could be achieved for mid-July for a single occasion.

4.5 The Coal Pier is unsuitable for the market in winter due to adverse weather. The Kent Trust Car Park would be a suitably sheltered location and this could be trialled as an alternative to the Stadium.

4.6 Hanover Street (St. John's Church) car park is remote from the shopping centre, accessed by a steep hill and is not a viable option.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 That Argyll Street be trialled on a one off basis with the Kent Trust Car Park being trialled during the winter.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| Policy: | None |
| Financial: | All costs will require to be met by the market. |
| Personnel: | None |
| Equal Opportunity: | None |
| Legal: | None |

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