

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Associated Impacts of Cancellation of Leominster and Hereford Mayfairs 2020 due to the Covid-19 outbreak</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	31 March 2020
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director of Economy and Place
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Council constitution 3.7.9 all necessary decisions in the case of emergencies
<b>Wards:</b>	Leominster East, Hereford Central
<b>Consultation:</b>	Emergency consultation between event organisers, senior officers and cabinet member for Housing, regulatory services and community safety, plus Leominster Town Council and Hereford City Council who host the civic opening ceremony element for each fair.
<b>Decision made:</b>	To note and endorse the decision made by the event organisers to cancel the Leominster and Hereford Mayfairs 2020 as a result of the covid-19 outbreak, as well the associated impact on Herefordshire Council
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The unprecedented significant impact of the covid-19 outbreak is having ramifications across society and notably the economy.</p> <p>In line with the social distancing guidance, current government advice is that large gatherings should not take place. While the risks of transmitting the disease at mass gatherings are relatively low, these steps will also allow emergency services that would have been deployed for these events to be prioritised in alleviating pressure on public services.</p> <p>Council staff employed in the managing these fairs both in advance of and whilst the fairs are in situ, can be redeployed elsewhere within the organisation to assist with other vital services.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	Both fairs are currently out of contract. New contracts were due to be signed in March 2020, but this signing has been postponed to later this year. Therefore there is a loss of income to the council in 2020 by these fairs not going ahead, totaling £50k, though some of this would be offset by costs the Council will not now incur in making the streets available. The intention though is to still sign a 7 year contract for each event, - for period 2021 to 2027 instead of 2020 to 2026.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	None, as it is clear and all are in agreement that these events cannot take place this year.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

Richard Ball  
Director for Economy & Place

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