

Written response to question / issue raised at Place Panel (1 September 2022)

Meeting Date: 1 September 2022

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Minute Reference: PLP.24/22

Written response to: Place Panel

Written response from: Head of Policy & Communication
Compiled from various Service Managers

Resolution / Question:

2) That Panel are provided with written responses to the following:

- details of the events, and costings, held in the City Centre;
- did the actual car parking revenue account for the free car parking scheme;
- the potential impact on costings of the delay in the Sands Centre Redevelopment;
- why was the frequency of grass cutting being reduced.

Response:

- details of the events, and costings, held in the City Centre;

Income and expenditure

Easter International Market	Income £5635 Expenditure £1,304
Hawker Festival	Income £4508 Expenditure £6,106
Summer International Market	Income £5635 Expenditure £1,304
Christmas Lights Switch On	£18,000
Christmas Market marketing).	Income £10,000 Expenditure £25,000 – (linked to promotion and
City of Lights 2021	Income £24925 Expenditure £33,666

- did the actual car parking revenue account for the free car parking scheme;

As part of the 2022/23 budget, a non-recurring pressure was approved to reduce the income target by £425k in 2022/23, £200k in 2023/24 and £200k in 2024/25. This was for the following reason - Car parking income is not achieving its budgeted expected levels as a result of lower usage of the car parks. This pressure also includes proposals to review the parking offer within Carlisle with a view to increasing footfall in the City Centre.

Also, when the Car Parking Options report went to Executive (21/02/2022) it was stated that 'The Executive's Budget Proposals presented to Council on 1 February 2022 included a loss of income pressure for car parking in relation to supporting the

high street and increasing footfall. The proposals of this report can be contained within that budgetary pressure.'

Therefore, I think we can conclude that the car parking income target for 2022/23 did take in to account the loss of revenue as a result of the free parking offer.

- the potential impact on costings of the delay in the Sands Centre Redevelopment;

As the construction of the Sands Centre extension comes to an end and the building is handed to GLL for operation the Sands Project Team are preparing a report that will provide a full update of the capital costs, borrowing position and anticipated final account. This report will pick up issues related to delayed completion and any capital costs arising.

- why was the frequency of grass cutting being reduced.

It's to manage the grass land for wildlife (biodiversity) benefits.

Date: 7/11/22