

**DATE: 16 July 2008****Report from Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel****Walsall Market – Temporary Relocation****Ward(s)** St. Matthews**Portfolios:** Regeneration**Summary of report**

On the 17 June 2008 the Markets Working Group received a report on the proposed temporary relocation of the Market from its present location in Digbeth to the area around the Bridge. The working group considered three key areas:

- a) Temporary Relocation Plan
- b) New Charging Policy
- c) Future Management Options

A series of recommendations were made concerning these, which were reported to the Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel on 19 June 2008. The panel endorsed these recommendations to Cabinet, which are set out below.

The Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel recommend that:

- a) the principles of the draft Walsall Market temporary relocation plan be supported;
- b) stalls 29 and 30 on the draft temporary relocation plan be given a secondary pitch so that their primary location can be utilised for community activities and displays as and when desired. When no community activities or displays are taking place stalls 29 and 30 can occupy the pitch indicated on the draft temporary relocation plan;
- c) a high level of cleanliness be maintained at all times on the temporary location site;
- d) that the following rental prices per market stall be introduced for a period of one year:

Day	Price
Monday	£30.00
Tuesday	£35.00
Wednesday	£30.00
Friday	£35.00
Saturday	£40.00

- e) the Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel review the success or otherwise of the new rental prices after they have been in operation for one year;
  - f) a daily £5 rental concession during January, February and March be granted to those traders who reach a minimum level of attendance for the first year of trading at the new temporary location;
  - g) Cabinet be asked to consider delegating authority to the Executive Director for Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration the ability to implement discounts for future years trading based on an assessment of market considerations at that time;
  - h) the minimum level of attendance to receive the rental concessions during January, February and March be agreed by Executive Director for Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration;
  - i) annual inflationary rises or reductions in the rental prices for market stalls to be negotiated each year between the Executive Director for Regeneration and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration with the Market Traders Association;
  - j) when considering inflationary rises or reductions in the rental prices for market stalls the Executive Director for Regeneration and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration must take into account inflation in the retail sector rather than any other inflationary measure;
- and;
- k) the future management options for the market, be considered at a future meeting of the Markets Working Group.

### **Background papers**

Report to Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel 19 June 2008  
Minutes of Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel 19 June 2008  
Notes of Markets Working Group 17 June 2008



**Signed**

**Councillor D Pitt**  
**Chair, Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel**

**Date:** 3 July 2008