

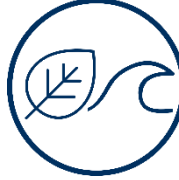






PENZANCE COUNCIL – 20 MAY 2024**REPORT FOR DECISION****PENLEE PARK FOOD FESTIVAL**

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Recommendation:

1. Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk following consultation with the Leisure and Amenities Committee, to enter into discussions and negotiations on behalf of the Council, to support the development and delivery of a Penzance Food Festival in Penlee Park on Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September 2024.
2. Subject to (1) above, a virement of £5,000 is made from the Penlee Park Infrastructure Reserve (1995/11) to the Penlee Park Capital Projects Budget (1015/10) to deliver infrastructure improvements for future events in Penlee Park.

Background:

An approach to Penzance Council has been made by Penzance BID and the organisers of the Falmouth Food Festival to deliver a Penzance Food Festival in Penlee Park during the weekend of 13th to 15th September 2024.

The desire is to establish a Penzance Food Festival that is embraced and welcomed by businesses across Penzance and that gives an extension to the end of the summer season. The times of the festival have been designed to work with the town, handing over to the night-time economy and the hope that pubs, bars and restaurants support live music across the festival period.

The event organisers have a successful track record of delivery in Falmouth and have evaluated a number of sites across Penzance, requesting Penlee Park as the preferred option. Utilising a number of reliable companies and contractors for infrastructure, electricity, security, facilities, staff and insurance.

The festival itself will include:

- Chef demonstrations, food demonstrations and craft demonstrations,
- Food trading pitches
- Craft, producer and artist pitches
- A stage schedule to fill with local musicians and bands
- Sponsorship packages

The proposed festival would provide an opportunity to start to develop the ambition for wider community use of Penlee as an events space and provide further income generating opportunities, for local businesses, the Council and Penlee House.

It is requested that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk following consultation with the Leisure and Amenities Committee, to enter into discussions and negotiations on behalf of the Council, to support the development and delivery of a Penzance Food Festival in Penlee Park as detailed.

Although no direct financial contribution is required to support delivery of the proposed Festival, a request virement of £5,000 is proposed from the Penlee Park Infrastructure Reserve (1995/11) to the Penlee Park Capital Projects Budget (1015/10) to deliver any identified infrastructure improvements, that would support wider use and the delivery of potential future events in Penlee Park.

James Hardy
Town Clerk