

## **HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **The Executive - Individual Executive Decisions**

**11 August 2022**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Renewal of New Mills Market Licence</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:</b>	<b>Councillor Greenhalgh- Deputy Leader &amp; Executive Councillor for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Marc Briand – Regeneration Officer</b>
<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>New Mills West</b>

#### **Appendices Attached – A1 Licence - New Mills Market Traders 2022, A2 Title Plan View – DY283778**

#### **1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1 This report considers a request from New Mills Market Traders for a renewal of the licence to operate New Mills Market for a further five year period

#### **2. Recommendation**

Renew the contract for the operation of New Mills Market to New Mills Market Traders for a further five-year period (21st July 2022 to 20th July 2027), on the terms set out in this report.

#### **3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 In July 2017, the Executive awarded the licence for the operation of New Mills market to New Mills Market Traders for a period of five years. This contract expired 20th July 2022 and New Mills Market Traders have requested a renewal of the contract for a further five-year term.
- 3.2 The 2017 licence was awarded to New Mills Market Traders after New Mills Town Council declined a five year licence to operate the market.
- 3.3 The alternative option considered by Overview and Scrutiny Review Sub-committee was to terminate operations of the New Mills Market at the end of the 2015/2016 financial year

#### 4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Licensing New Mills Market contributes to the following aims of the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2023:

(Aim 3)

- Protect and create jobs by supporting economic growth, development and regeneration
- Thriving and flourishing town centres and high streets

#### 5. **Alternative Options**

5.1 **Option 1: Recommended.** This option is to renew the licence with New Mills Market Traders for the operation of New Mills Market on the terms agreed in this report.

5.4 **Option 2: Not Recommended.** This option is to decline the request to renew the contract with New Mills Market Traders for the operation of New Mills Market. This option would mean that there would be no identified operator for New Mills Market from July 2022. Whilst a full tender process may be considered, this poses a number of risks to the council in terms of timescales and the current lack of private sector investments in markets, and may result in the operation of New Mills Market returning to an 'in-house' service or being terminated to the detriment of New Mills town centre.

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#### **Web Links and Background Papers**

N/A

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#### 6. **Implications**

6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)  
No implications

6.2 Workforce  
Staff time from Regeneration and Legal would be required to prepare the contract and manage delivery of the market operation.

6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment  
New Mills Market Traders operates for the benefit of the community.

6.4 Financial Considerations

New Mills Market Traders are responsible for operating cost of utilities, NNDR, waste disposal, maintenance and other recurring taxes and charges relating to the market.

6.5 Legal

The draft revised licence agreement has been prepared by the Legal service and will be shared with New Mills Market Traders before finalising the details.

6.6 Climate Change

Provision of local markets helps reduce food miles and allows residents to 'shop local' reducing the food carbon footprint . Markets also offer local opportunities for start- up businesses, supporting the sustainability and financial viability of the town.

6.7 Consultation

None

6.8 Risk Assessment

The risks and overheads of the daily running of the markets are transferred to New Mills Market Traders, freeing valuable Council time and resource and helping cut losses

7. **Detail**

**Background**

7.1 It is recognised that third party suppliers have the potential to bring in much needed resources to the Council's market operations with new approaches, a commercial focus and new plans for expansion. In 2014 The Council carried out an open market bid process to explore options for outsourcing the operation of the existing Council-operated markets. As a result of this exercise New Mills Market Traders were awarded the licence to operate New Mills Market.

7.2 The licence terms transferred responsibility for:

- 6 metal market stalls left permanently erected on the New Mills Market licenced areas
- 2 store rooms
- 1 bin store
- 1 preparation room with water heater above
- 2 toilets with 2 wash hand sinks with water heater above

7.3 New Mills Market Traders have responsibility for Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) and electrical testing of fixed units. New Mills Market Traders also to be responsible for safe storage and disposal of traders refuse.