

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR EVENTS ON THE HEATH

AGREEMENT



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Prepared by Town Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

The *Guiding Principles for Events on the Heath* document was first prepared and agreed in 2019 and is a tripartite agreement between Tatton Estate (as the owner of the heaths), Friends of the Heath (as the voluntary organisation with a sole focus on the heaths) and the Town Council. The purpose of the document is to provide clarity on the types of events that would be supported on the Heath and a process for agreeing if an event is suitable.

Over the past year, the Town Clerk, Friends of the Heath and Tatton Estate have worked to update the document to find a document that would be agreeable to all parties.

It is recognised that the agreement is voluntary. It forms the basis of joint working between the three organisations in the interest of heath. It also sets out a number of commitments made by the parties.

This item was deferred from the March meeting pending changes being made to the document as proposed by Friends of the Heath; these changes have now been made and the document has been signed by both Friends of the Heath and Tatton Estate.

At the previous meeting the committee requested two pieces of additional information:

- a) The level of subsidy from the Estate to be recorded in the document – noting that this varies, the information would be provided to the partners through the tripartite meetings.
- b) Clarity over the ownership of the Heath – whilst the precise arrangements for management of the different landholdings which comprise the estate vary, for all intents and purposes the Heath is owned by the Tatton Estate.

2.0 ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGY

2.1 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

The existence of the agreement and the joint working between the council, Friends of the Heath and the Tatton Estate supports the delivery of the strategic aim that Knutsford will have a diverse network of green spaces.
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3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The committee should note the updated guided principles document and authorise the Town Clerk to sign indicating the council's support.