

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Markets Committee	21 September 2016
<b>Subject:</b> Christmas 2016 – Smithfield Market Traffic Management Plan	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent – Smithfield Market	<b>For Decision</b>
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<b>Summary</b>	
<p>This report is to update Members on discussions to implement a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan at Smithfield Market for the Christmas period 2016 following the success of previous similar plans. The final details of this year's proposed plan are attached as Appendices 1-2 to this report, in order to continue to alleviate the congestion, and at times gridlocking, of traffic around the Market which had been experienced in the past.</p> <p>Whilst officers have again not been able to identify any alternative non Market Committee sources of funding for the provision of private stewards and other additional costs required, they have identified that funds could be made available from the Smithfield Central Risk budget.</p> <p><b>Recommendation(s)</b></p> <p>Members are, therefore, asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the Traffic Management Plan attached to this report, and;</li> <li>• Agree to fund the additional traffic control measures such as the appointment of private stewards outlined in this report from the Smithfield Central Risk budget.</li> </ul>	

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. At previous Committee meetings, members have received a report from the Superintendent in relation to a Traffic Management Plan for Christmas and have approved the Final Traffic Management Plan, and funding the private stewards and signage be provided from the projected underspend on Smithfield Central Risk budget.

## **Current Position**

2. As identified in 2014 the City of London Police (CoLP) have reconfirmed that they consider if a Traffic Plan and extra dedicated police resources are required then this would constitute an “event” similar to other events held in the City, and as they are proposing to again dedicate officers to this year’s Traffic Plan, CoLP have stated that they will not contribute further funding for stewarding as this type of service is normally funded by the organisers of the event.
3. Members may recollect that last year officers investigated the possibility of funding the stewards from the On Street Parking Reserve (OSPR). It was the view of officers with responsibility for the management of this Reserve that the additional traffic calming measures were required as a direct result of the increased Market activity over the Christmas period so fell outside the scope of the OSPR and were, therefore, a matter for the Markets Committee to consider funding from within their own resources.
4. The Chamberlains Department has also advised that there are no other suitable alternative sources of funding outside the Markets Committee’s own resources.

## **Proposals**

5. The Traffic Management Plan for Christmas 2016 will commence at 23:00 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December and run until 08:00 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.
6. A comprehensive communication strategy will be implemented which will include; signage, leaflets, electronic communications with relevant bodies and regular posts on internet forums.
7. In addition, it has been agreed in principle with officers and the City of London Police that the compliment of personnel required from the various agencies to implement the Traffic Plan should include :-
  - City of London Police comprising 1 sergeant, 2 motorcycle officers and 2 police constables
  - Market Constabulary comprising Head of Security, 1 sergeant and 7/8 constables
  - Private stewards comprising 1 supervisor and 10 stewards

## **Financial Implications**

8. There are no provisions within the Market's Local Risk budget for any costs associated with a Christmas 2016 traffic campaign, not only for the possible provision of private stewards but other possible costs identified and mentioned within the Traffic Management Plan Appendix 1.
- appointment of private stewards including the cost of radio equipment at £9,000 excluding VAT;
  - traffic management signage of approximately £2,000 excluding VAT;
  - communication including re-printing of the leaflet at £500 excluding VAT
  - Contingency £500

As this additional expense is wholly caused by the extra volume of traffic directly associated with the profitable Christmas meat trade, these costs, and any similar costs, should be fully borne by the tenants' Service Charge after 1 April 2018

9. Officers have identified funding from the central risk budget to cover the costs as mentioned in paragraph 8 above.
10. It should be noted that as the Smithfield tenant's service charge is capped until 2017/18 the costs of this traffic management plan can be met by the City. This should not, however, set a precedent for future funding requirements of this nature when the service charge cap comes to an end.

## **Conclusion**

11. Members are asked to approve the implementation of the proposed Final Traffic Plan attached as Appendices 1-2 to this report and agree to fund the associated costs of £12,000 set out in paragraph 8 above from the Smithfield Central Risk budget.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Road Junction Restrictions
- Appendix 2 – Operational Plan

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