

<b>Committee:</b> Markets Committee	<b>Date(s):</b> 20 September 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Christmas 2017 – Smithfield Market Traffic Management Plan	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent – Smithfield Market <b>Report Author:</b> Mark Sherlock	<b>For Decision</b>

### **Summary**

This report is to update Members on discussions to implement a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan at Smithfield Market for the Christmas period 2017 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 gridlock of traffic around the Market which had been experienced in the past. Whilst officers have 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.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Members are therefore asked to:

- approve the Traffic Management Plan attached to this report; and
- 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.

### **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 to be provided from the projected underspend on Smithfield Central Risk budget.
2. During the meeting of Markets Committee, Wednesday, 21st September, 2016 (Item 7.), Committee RESOLVED – That Members:
  - Approve the Traffic Management Plan attached to the report; and

- Agree to fund the additional traffic control measures such as the appointment of private stewards outlined in the report from the Smithfield Central Risk budget.

### **Current Position**

3. Members may recollect that previously, 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 this fell outside the scope of the OSPR and was, therefore, a matter for the Markets Committee to consider funding from within their own resources.
4. The Chamberlains Department previously 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 2017 will commence at 23:00 Thursday 14 December to 0800 Thursday 21st December. This would be a total of 6 Market trading nights.
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 partners to implement the Traffic Plan should include:-
  - City of London Police comprising 1 Sergeant, 2 Motorcycle Officers and 2 Police Community Support Officers.
  - Market Constabulary comprising Head of Security, 1 Sergeant and 7 Constables
  - Private Stewards comprising 1 Supervisor and 12 Stewards

### **Financial Implications**

8. There are no provisions within the Market's Local Risk budget for any costs associated with a 2017 Traffic Management Plan, not only for the possible provision of private stewards but other indicative costs identified and mentioned within the Traffic Management Plan Appendix 1 include:-
  - Appointment of private stewards total cost including radio communications £11,434.50
  - Traffic management signage and delivery costs £1,542.75

- Communication including re-printing of the 2016 leaflet at £550 (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 i.e. Christmas 2018.

9. Officers have identified funding from the central risk budget to cover the costs mentioned in paragraph 8 above.
10. It should be noted that as the Smithfield tenant's service charge is capped for the 2017/8 financial year, the cost of this traffic management plan can be met by the City. This should not, however, set a precedent for future funding requirements when the service charge cap comes to an end in March 2018.

### **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 all associated costs of £21,527.25 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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