

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Woodbank Memorial Park Music Festival Event

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee **Date:** Thursday, 3 August 2023

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

Key Decision: (c) _____ **NO / ~~YES~~** *(Please circle)*

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

Summary:

UK Tribute Festivals have applied to hold their annual family music festival (Rockstock and On A Summers Night) at Woodbank Memorial Park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 24th- 26th May 2024, 11.00am to 10.30pm. Their aim is to provide an exciting music showcase in the North with musical artists and creative talent from Stockport and around the UK. UK Tribute Festivals have managed a number of successful events in Stockport and other council borough parks from 2011 - 2023 and aim to bring their festival to Stockport for the fifth time, to give the people of Stockport and visitors a 3 -day family festival. Visitor access to the event will be ticketed and access identified via a wristband.

Event Concept

The event model they offer is self -contained, with a variety of on -site food options alongside a small market opportunity, allowing local traders to operate on the site over the three days. The festival will be family orientated with all ages attending. The maximum number of attendees would be set at 5000 per day. Age restriction applies. No persons under the age of 18 will be granted entry to the premises unless accompanied by an adult.

The standards for the provision of services are, where reasonably practicable, in accordance with HSG195 The Event Safety Guide and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Order), Managing Crowds safely.

The Event Management Plan document will be distributed via Stockport MBC Event Safety Advisory Group to the following agencies:

- Stockport Council Neighbourhoods Team
- Stockport Council Environmental Health
- Stockport Council Licencing Team
- Stockport Council Highways Team
- Greater Manchester Police
- Greater Manchester Fire Service
- North West Ambulance service

UK Tribute Festivals has a comprehensive and experienced management team. Their Event Management Plan includes an Alcohol Management plan. They have a history of operating bar facilities for outdoor events, events, concerts and corporate events and ensure compliance with all necessary legislation, local authority and good working practices. Sale of alcohol would take place between the hours 11:00 – 22:00.

Noise Control

The output levels of the venue during the event will not exceed EHO defined levels as per condition of the licence. The Independent Sound Monitoring Officer (ISMO) will have direct communication, via mobile phone, with the Venue Sound Manager and should an issue be identified requiring action from within the venue this will be relayed by the ISMO to the Venue Sound Manager who will be on site at all times. Venue Sound Manager (VSM) will then instruct appropriate sound engineer to make required adjustments then VSM will ring ISMO to ascertain adjustments are per ISMO's requirements. ISMO will be on duty from 10.30am - 10.30pm should any calls regarding noise be received. ISMO will also submit an independent post event report. Signage and information regarding leaving the site in a quiet and orderly manner will be in place.

Residents and local stakeholders

On site Point of Contact - information re: the Rockstock and On A Summers Night operation will be circulated to residents living within the catchment of Woodbank Memorial Park - and a dedicated phone point of contact provided for the duration of the event.

Traffic Management

A plan will be provided which will include encouraging attendees to use public transport, advising event car parking and requesting consideration for local residents.

Security/Stewarding Staff:

All security and stewarding staff will be supplied by ESS who approved SIA Company with full accreditation and experience of working on public events.

Recommendation(s):

The Neighbourhoods Team recommends that the application be approved subject to all appropriate paperwork, fees, health and safety documentation and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least two weeks prior to the event taking place and this being confirmed to the ward councillors

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)** Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': (f) **YES / NO (please circle)**

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.