

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Woodbank Memorial Park Music Festival Event

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 31 October 2024

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 (On A Summers Night and Rockstock) at Woodbank Memorial Park on Friday (4.00p.m. – 10.30p.m.), Saturday and Sunday (11.00am to 10.30pm) 23rd- 25th May 2025,. 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 -2024 and aim to bring their festival to Stockport for the sixth 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
- Northwest 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, concerts and corporate events and ensure compliance with all necessary legislation, local authority processes and good working practices. Sale of alcohol would take place between the hours of 4.00p.m. – 10.00p.m. Friday, 11:00a.m. – 10:00p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Noise Control

The output levels of the venue during the event will not exceed EHO defined levels as per condition of the licence. The Sound Monitoring Officer (SMO) 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 SMO 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 SMO to ascertain adjustments are per SMO's requirements. SMO will be on duty from 10.30am - 10.30pm should any calls regarding noise be received. Signage and information regarding leaving the site in a quiet and orderly manner will be in place.

The named in-house or independent acoustic consultant with relevant qualifications or experience to be appointed not less than 4 weeks prior to the event

The Noise Management Plan to be submitted a minimum of 14 days prior to event

Post Report, within 7 days following the event to include noise measurements at the agreed location points, description of the noise and weather conditions, any complaints and action to those.

Site Plan

A site plan is included. This has been revised following damage to the event area after substantial rainfall during Rockstock 2024. Heavy vehicles, associated with the Fairground attraction, will be located adjacent to the hardstanding path to minimise vehicle movement on the grassed area. If required, due to wet weather conditions, vehicle trackway will be provided through the centre of the event site with matting to facilitate vehicle movement to individual facilities.

Residents and local stakeholders

On site Point of Contact – information regarding Rockstock and On A Summers Night 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 has been provided which includes encouraging attendees to use public transport, requesting consideration for local residents, a pre-determined area of the local highways coned to restrict parking and a site plan for attendees highlighting town centre parking provision.

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)

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

There are none.

Contact person for accessing

Officer: Kath Hughes

'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.