

EVENT DAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Background

1. Every year the city hosts numerous events that require roads to be closed to allow the public to access venues and leave safely.
2. Last year a number of concerts were held in the Castle grounds and the Principality Stadium as well as the Six Nations Rugby Internationals hosted artists including Beyonce, Harry Styles and Coldplay.
3. This year during June and July the Castle is again host to a series of concerts and the Principality Stadium welcomes Taylor Swift, Pink, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, the Foo Fighters and Rammstein and as well as the motor sports events Monster Jam and the speedway.
4. In addition to these events in the city centre, The Bay Series at Alexander Head is in its fourth year and is growing in reputation.
5. Road closures are published on the council website, and can be found [here](#).
6. An example of travel advice issued ahead of events can be found at **Appendix 1**, which has been published ahead of the Bruce Springsteen concert on 5th May.
7. The road closures have an impact on buses and taxis travelling around the area and also impacts on local carparks including the one at Cardiff Central Train Station.
8. The scale and duration of the road closures may depend on the popularity of the event /artist and the expected number of visitors to the city.
9. The Council also provides Park and Ride facilities for major events, and has previously used County Hall car park, however, this is no longer an option, due to the ground work being undertaken to accommodate the indoor arena development.
10. Travel advice for major events can be found on the Council's website [here](#).

11. Those travelling to events by train will be subject to queueing systems at Cardiff Central on their return journey.

Structure of the scrutiny

12. This short scrutiny will take place over two committee meetings:

- May 2024
 - Overview
 - Presentation from internal witnesses
 - Q & A at Committee
- June 2024
 - Presentation from external witnesses
 - Q & A at Committee

Way Forward

During the meeting, Members may wish to consider the information provided in the presentation and the discussion, and to take note of this ahead of part 2 of this short scrutiny with external witnesses.

Legal Implications

The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Consider the information in this report and the information presented at the meeting; and
- ii. Decide the way forward for any future scrutiny of the issues discussed.

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