Agenda item 6

For decision - Adopting a Busking Code of Conduct in Frome Author: Rachel Griffin, Marketing & Communications Manager

Summary

In conjunction with Mendip's enforcement officer we have developed a Busker's Code which will outline good practise for buskers, allow us to sanction good where needed.

Busking is a long-established tradition which adds to the attractiveness and colour of the town and which Frome Town Council hopes to encourage. One of the ways that we can do this is to actively promote busking in the town by setting up Zones where we can encourage buskers can operate. However, in order to protect the public from nuisance a Code of Conduct that provides guidance and describes the process of enforcement if it isn't followed is necessary

One such place that we would like busking to happen is on Boyle's Cross. Currently if there is to be entertainment on the Boyle Cross we would need a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) license. Mendip District Council are in broad agreement to allow busking without onerous paperwork if we adopt a code. Appendix 1 is a reworking of a version that their Enforcement Officer would like us to adopt. It works initially as an educational tool but ultimately anybody not complying could be issued with a Community Protection Notice from Mendip's enforcement team.

Recommendation

Adopt the Busker's Code of Conduct