

LSD Steering Group 2nd June 2016

Notes of a meeting of the LSD Steering Group held on 2nd June 2016 at the SLI Sandbach.

Present: Cllr C. Lowe (Chairman)
Cllr K. Haines
Cllr M. Forster

Also Present: D.W. Dingle
K. Brown

Apologies: A. Banks
Cllr G. Merry

The Chairman presented the results of the Market Hall Consultation following completion of inputting of the paper and electronic responses. It was reported that the paper results had been agreed by the traders with concerns expressed by the traders regarding the analysis of the online electronic results. These concerns were around Option 5 and its interpretation of support. It was noted that the traders were invited to check over the results prior to making public without reply.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Market Hall Consultation results as of the 22nd May 2016 be the confirmed results for the purpose of further reports.

In the interests of clarity it was agreed that some corrections be undertaken in the removal of the statement "none of the options" and that the percentage figures be included as part of the responses. Additionally that the age bands be shown as per the survey and in comparison to Sandbach population (Addition of age bands necessary for this comparison).

Reference was made to a local petition for support of Option 5 and this was expected shortly.

It was acknowledged that an expression of interest had been received in respect of a retail unit within the Market Hall.

The Chairman referred to her slide presentation for the meeting of the LSD Working Group later in the day prior to Council. The presentation concerned the "Market Hall Consultation Results". Following a discussion and a few corrections/additions, the presentation was agreed.

Reference was made to the Public Meeting to be held on the 7th June 2016 at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was discussed, its aims in making the public aware of the Market Hall Consultation results and the wish for public engagement in moving forward. It was reported that four volunteers to facilitate the event had offered their services and a further four could be found from Council Members. It was agreed that David Dingle Chair the meeting with a table style seating arrangement.

In discussing the format of the meeting and in moving forward with change to the Market Hall and the provision of suitable office and meeting accommodation for the Town Council, it was agreed a 8 table arrangement be set out.

Following a discussion it was agreed that a set of Questions for the public groups be circulated to LSD Steering Group Members for comment and further discussion at the next meeting. The Chairman referred to the "Review of Process" and reference was made to the LSD Steering Group Progress Report that was due to be considered by Council at the meeting this evening.

It was agreed that next meeting of the LSD Steering Group be held at 1:00pm on Tuesday 7th June 2016 at the offices of the Town Council, Sandbach Literary Institute.

D.W. Dingle