

## Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**SCRUTINY REVIEW-MARKETS**1. Purpose of Report

To present the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group's review into Markets. This is in accordance with the Council's corporate values of continuous improvement and delivering value for money.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to RECEIVE the report and REFER it to the relevant Portfolio Holder for consideration.**

3. Detail

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group reviewed this topic with the purpose of the following outcomes:

- To discover the effectiveness of the team and to review whether footfall in town centres have improved.

The report is circulated with this agenda, which includes recommendations.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no budget implications to consider at this stage. The success of town centre markets should have a positive impact with increased town centre footfall that will generate the associated economic benefits for market stall holders and local businesses. This in turn has the potential to provide both direct and indirect financial benefits to the Council and generate additional income. The recommendation to produce an annual market service business plan looking at the performance and development of the markets, should help to unlock these benefits.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Whilst there are no direct legal implications that arise from this report the relevant legislation is the Food Act 1984 (the 'Act'). Section 50 of the Act provides the Council with the power to establish markets within their area. Section 52 of the Act provides that a market authority may appoint the days on which, and the hours during which, markets are to be held. Section 53(1) of the

Act states that a market authority may demand in respect of the market such charges as they may from time to time determine.

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:  
No comments

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:  
No comments

8. Climate Change Implications

The comments were as follows:  
No Comments

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable

11. Background Papers

Nil