

North Dudley Area Committee – Wednesday 30th January 2008

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

St. George's Day Pageant in Sedgley Town Centre

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Area Committee's support for proposals for a St. George's Day Pageant to be held in Sedgley on Saturday 26th April 2008.

Background

2. In order to complement the success of Councillor Stanley's Mayoral Year, it has been proposed that a St. George's Day Pageant should be held in Sedgley town centre on Saturday 26th April, commencing at 11.00am.
3. It is planned that a parade involving an actor portraying St. George mounted on his charger, followed by local school children comprising the Dragon, will commence from Queen Victoria Primary School, proceed along Mill Bank, Dudley Street and Vicar Street, and complete their pageant in The Priory.
4. At the beginning of April, in order that the local community are made aware in advance of the festivities, temporary signing will be erected in Gospel End Street, Sedgley High Street, Mill Bank, Dudley Street and Vicar Street. The event will be publicised through the media.
5. The Council's Street Care highway staff will provide barriers, stewards, diversion route signs and road closed signs on the day of the pageant..
6. The management of All Saints Church will be advised of the event, to ensure that there is no conflict with the use of the church during the closure period. If necessary, arrangements will be made for access via Dean Street.

Finance

7. The costs associated with the introduction of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders for the St. George's Day pageant, including DUE Street Care stewards, signs and barriers, publicity and temporary information signing will be met from existing budgets.

Law

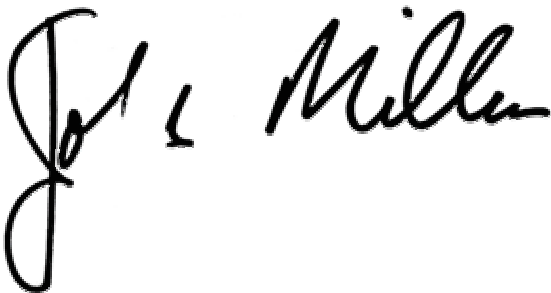
8. Roads are closed for events under Section 21 of the Town Police Clause Act 1847.

Equality Impact

9. The proposals contained within this report comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy.
10. Events on the highway can unite communities, integrate groups and provide opportunities for local engagement.
11. Public events can also help to increase the attractiveness of a shopping centre for all sectors of a community.

Recommendation

12. That, having considered the report, Members support the St. George Day Pageant for Sedgley.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of December 2007 and January 2008 meetings of Dudley Safety Advisor's Group.

