

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MARKETS COMMITTEE, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2009, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S
HOUSE, THETFORD, STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

Councillor R F W Brame, Chairman

Councillors:

G P Balaam
D G Mortimer

Mrs P P Quadling
S N H Wright

345/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

346/08 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2008, as received by Council on 29th October 2008 under minute 226/08c, be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

347/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs M P Chapman-Allen.

348/08 FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND PROMOTION OF MARKETS

A paper, prepared by the Management Team, was considered.

The Committee was, in broad outline, receptive to the approach proposed. That said, it asked the Management Team to make the following points absolutely clear in any documentation produced:

- the nature of the relationship of any 'third party agent' with the Council must be clearly set out for the benefit of market traders, in particular, who must be in no doubt that the Council remained ultimately responsible for the market operation;
- any agreement struck by a 'third party agent' with the Council would be on the basis of 'additional business generated';
- any 'third party agent' would have to attend quarterly meetings of the Committee and not only report on the previous quarter but also look ahead to the next - constructive dialogue would be key, with the Committee remaining in a position of influence.

The Committee was also receptive to any 'third party agent' offering to organise themed markets on occasion, subject to these having prior Committee approval and regular weekly traders having an opportunity to participate.

RECOMMENDED that:

(a) a revised paper be submitted to the Council for approval at the meeting scheduled for 25th February 2009

(b) a letter be sent to traders, thanking them for the responses received to the recent questionnaire.

Chairman