

**Report to Shaw & Crompton District Executive**

## **Shaw Market update**

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### **Reason for Decision**

Shaw and Crompton Councilors have requested a written update regarding the market place car parking for the District Executive meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Recommendations**

The report is for information only

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## Shaw market update

### 1 Background

- 1.1 Following the trial starting on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015, the Council's Licensing Panel granted a permanent license on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 for the market to be held on Market Street between Farrow Street East and Beal Lane and on a section of Newtown Street.
- 1.2 In order to make the market move permanent, there is a need to seek planning consent to enable Shaw Market to be held on Market Street and for the original market ground on Westway to be used as car park. This will involve the demolition of the permanent market stalls and a change of use to the original market ground to provide additional free car parking in accordance with the Council's current policy for parking in District Centres.. The Market Service will retain the existing brick clad storage and trader W.C. facility.
- 1.3 Following consultation with the Cabinet Member and all the Ward Members for Shaw and Crompton wards, a scheme has been developed by the Unity Partnership which utilizes the area where the fixed stalls used to be. The existing number of formal car parking spaces on the application site (including those marked in between the fixed stalls) stands at 53 spaces including 4 disabled bays. These existing bays are marked out at 2.4 metres wide and are accessed directly from Westway and the adopted highway off Farrow Street East onto Market Place.

### 2 Current Position

- 2.1 The planning application has now been submitted (ref PA/338070/16) with a target decision date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Should the permission be granted, it is hoped to commence works on the demolition and creation of the carpark in mid April.
- 2.2 The planning application layout shows that the access into the car park will remain exactly the same, however the number of spaces would increase to 72. Following comments from the local ward members, the spaces on the car park will be made extra wide i.e. 3 metres wide and where room permits some will be 6 metres in length which will make entering and exiting the car park much easier and will allow more room for motorists to open their car doors.
- 2.3 Due to the demolition of the fixed perimeter stalls, motorists will be able to enter the car park along Westway and in order to protect motorists travelling along the one way street, additional road marking will be placed alongside the kerb edge, on the car park side of the carriageway, to keep moving traffic to the left hand lane and away from vehicles manoeuvring into and out of the car park spaces. The kerb to Westway will be lowered and a pedestrian walk way will be provided through the site as well as additional disabled car parking. Hatching will be provided around the market building to be retained, which will enable the market service to use this space for delivery of the market stalls and servicing the market.
- 2.4 Parking in District Centre's is currently free of charge, although restrictions are in place on some car parks in terms of length of stay. Local Ward Members have confirmed that their preference is for additional shoppers short stay car parking to be provided on this site. Short stay parking is currently for up to 3 hrs. Long stay parking would remain on Kershaw Street, Lifelong Learning and Milne Street car parks.

### 2 Recommendation

- 3.1 The report is for information only.