

Report to: Exmouth Queen's Drive Delivery Group



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## **Queens Drive Space - Update**

### **Report summary:**

Update on Queen's Drive Space, covering:

- Events Space
- Traders & furniture
- Former car park

### **Recommendation:**

Update only

### **Reason for recommendation:**

Update only

Officer: Angela Gordon Lennox, Events Officer

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergencies
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Sport
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

### **Financial implications:**

N/A

### **Legal implications:**

N/A

**Equalities impact:** Low Impact

## **Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk;

### **Links to background information**

Link to [Council Plan:](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
  - Outstanding Homes and Communities
  - Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
  - Outstanding Council and Council Services
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## **Report in full**

### **QDS Event Space**

We are working with 3 event organisers who have expressed an interest in hiring the Queen's Drive Event Space for the forthcoming season. The 3 companies are proposing to operate together, sharing the space.

We have carried out a socially distanced site visit and we are meeting again imminently to agree dimensions and charges.

Their applications will follow the usual events process, which will include an email to all Ward Members with dates, times and details of the attractions. Each operator will be required to provide a risk assessment and a copy of their public liability insurance.

### **QDS Space**

Traders: we have made initial contact with the 5 traders (4 plus bar) to provide an update. Following Cabinet, we will run through the proposed heads of terms with them and agree details for the next season before instructing Legal Services to formalise. If any of the operators do not want to renew, we will market the opportunity working with the Estates Team.

Furniture: Following approval of the recommendations by Cabinet, we will be renewing furniture ahead of the next season.

According to the latest Government Covid guidance, the earliest date we would look to 'open' QDS with seating (and social distancing measures) is 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### **QDS Former Car Park**

Once we have a clearer indication on timescales we will work on marketing details for the site. Having spoken to the Estates Team, it is felt that we would be wise (from a resource perspective) to entice one operator to manage and 'sublet' the space. To be discussed.....