

Community No Waste Food Shop

Background

The Community & Environment Committee at its meeting on 23 March 2021 recommended that a Community No Waste Food Shop is accommodated at the Old Court House subject to logistics and costs being agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee. Since an Extra-Ordinary Full Council meeting has been called in the intervening time, to expedite matters, Full Council will now consider the outstanding matters.

Operational Format

The request is to host up to 4 volunteers from Bingham Helping Hands to enable them to open a Community No Waste Food Shop on a Saturday morning between 09:00 and 12:00 from 01 May 2021 (subject to the necessary approvals being in place). It would operate out of the reception with ambient foods being stored in the small former Registrar's office on the ground floor. Surplus food would be delivered once a week so access by volunteers is required during the week to receive the delivery but would be timed to minimise disruption to the Council. There is also a need for an upright fridge to be situated in the former Registrar's office to store cheese and butter. No fruit, vegetables or any other perishable goods such as bread will be left at the Old Court House, they will be taken off site. No hot food will be available.

A set of keys would be provided to Bingham Helping Hands so that they are able to access the Old Court House. At all times, clear access through reception needs to be maintained as a fire exit and for the tenant upstairs to access their office. Volunteers will also require access to the toilets.

Further Information

Bingham Helping Hands will or have provided the following information:

- Operational Risk Assessments
- Insurance Documents
- Any necessary Food Hygiene Rating
- Confirmation of registration with Fair Share

Consideration

- (a) Council is asked to support Community & Environment's recommendation that a Community No Waste Shop operates from the Old Court House
- (b) To offer the use of the Old Court House, as described, for a Community No Waste Shop free of charge or at a reduced charge for a period of time

Recommendations

- (a) To agree the use of the Old Court House, as described, for a Community No Waste Shop
- (b) To agree the use of the Old Court House, as described, free of charge for a trial period of up to 6 months