

Oswestry Town Council

Report from the Retail Markets & Events Manager to Council – 21st October 2020

Late Night Opening Pilot

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider the proposal of opening the front of the indoor market only to allow the food traders located there to extend their opening hours on Fridays only on the run up to Christmas.

Proposal

The three food retailers positioned on the front steps of the market have requested an evening opening initiative aiming to offer the customer an additional opportunity to purchase and to capitalise on the evening food scene. The initial pilot would include the 11th and 18th December, the two Fridays before Christmas Day and will be open no later than 8pm. If successful, the pilot could be revisited in 2021.

There will be no public access to the inside of the market and all shutters on the rear and side of the building will remain closed. The other market traders have been consulted and feedback is generally positive.

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