

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : Changes to Charter Market Adverse Weather Policy  
**Committee** : Events, Markets and Grants Subcommittee  
**Date** : 22 March 2023  
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### 1. Report Summary

1.1. This report introduces a revised Adverse Weather Policy for consideration and approval.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. The previous adverse weather policy, revised in March 2020, has proved to be difficult to implement due to the highly changeable nature of the weather and the difficulty in accurately predicting wind speeds in advance.
- 2.2. Traders would be frustrated at a market closure decided the previous day (as defined in the policy) based upon high wind speeds that would not materialise on the day.
- 2.3. Sometimes traders would have had to buy their fresh stock in advance of the market cancellation resulting in substantial cost to the trader and food wastage.

### 3. Summary of amendments:

- 3.1. The revised adverse weather policy is broken down to consider wind speeds and gusts of various levels. As each wind gust level increases the policy describes which traders are safe to operate.
- 3.2. The policy also describes the action that will be taken as a result of heavy snowfall or extreme heat.
- 3.3. It also allows greater flexibility for traders to operate on windy days.

### 4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

- 4.1. Consider the proposed changes and approve the new policy which offers more detailed support to the Market Officer enforcing the policy.

### 5. Wards Affected: All

### 6. Background papers:

- 6.1. Current Adverse Weather policy (Doc 78067)
- 6.2. Proposed Adverse Weather Policy (Doc 90079)

### 7. Implications:

- 7.1. **Financial:** None in relation to this report.

7.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report.

7.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report.

7.4. **Environmental Impact:** None in relation to this report.

7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** None in relation to this report.