

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	DECISION TITLE	Economic Recovery: COVID safe events
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
3.	DATE OF DECISION	13 July 2021
4.	DECISION MAKER	City Mayor
5.	DECISION TAKEN	Approve additional budget of up to £365,000 to support a programme of Covid safe festivals and events in the City. To be funded from the money set aside to support COVID recovery.
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	The extended period of lockdown and restrictions that Leicester has endured has hindered businesses from trading freely and dissuaded many people from coming to the city. The Summer in the City festival is intended to encourage families back into the city centre to enjoy a wide range of free family fun whilst limiting numbers and avoiding mass crowds. A Christmas programme is also being supported including provision for the ice rink to operate at less than full capacity.
7.	a) KEY DECISION Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n	a) No
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	There is an option to do nothing but that would not support economic recovery of the city or assist the many businesses that have been struggling. Options were considered to stage larger scale events but these were discounted in order to avoid crowds. The chosen approach will showcase a measured approach to re-opening our events programmes and welcoming people back.
9.	DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer 	20 July 2021
10.	SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)	