

## REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**RUBICON SHAREHOLDERS COMMITTEE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2020**

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### OPEN AIR CINEMA

<b>Relevant Portfolio Holder</b>	Councillor Mike Rouse
<b>Portfolio Holder Consulted</b>	-
<b>Relevant Head of Service</b>	Jayne Pickering- Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Ward Councillor(s) Consulted</b>	N/A

### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

To request that Committee agree that Rubicon Leisure facilitate the hiring of a section of the car park at the Abbey Stadium to be used as a multi-purpose outdoor leisure and entertainment space suitable for pre-booked/member fitness classes as well as walk in/drive in cinema, comedy, murder mystery, theatre and live music.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Shareholder Committee agree to Rubicon Leisure facilitating the hire of a section of the car park for an open air cinema and other active and well being events for the community. Furthermore the Committee delegate the contractual amendments required to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services and the Executive Director of Finance and Resources

### **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 It is proposed that a multi-purpose outdoor leisure and entertainment space suitable for pre-booked/member fitness classes as well as walk in/drive in cinema, comedy, murder mystery, theatre, live music and more would be established on the car park at the Abbey Stadium via a formal hire to an external experienced company.
- 3.2 Based on the side car park at the Abbey Stadium and secured by heras fencing an external company would supply, install and operate an outdoor covered stage with LED video wall backdrop, stage lighting and sound equipment. The setup and area produced would be ideal for all kind of leisure and entertainment and could facilitate either 50 cars (max 5 people per car) / 36 cars with 30 people seated or 0 cars with 75-100 people standing/seated. Fitness classes would be provided and organised by the Rubicon staff where as the cinema, comedy, live performances. would be provided by an the hirer external company. Tickets/memberships for the fitness would be handled by the Abbey Stadium and the entertainment side would be dealt with by the external company to include food and beverages that would be delivered to vehicles/people to meet social distancing guidelines. A number of standard and disabled portable toilets, hand wash points hand sanitation stations would also be provided in the area to keep it self contained provided by the hiring organisation.
- 3.2 With Covid 19 changing the future for leisure and entertainment in both the short and long term there is a want and need for leisure and entertainment within the town for all age groups that is both safe, optimised for social distancing and entertaining.

**4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Rubicon Leisure will be receiving a hire fee and in addition and more importantly the space will be used to undertake outside classes for members to enable more capacity than is currently allowed inside due to social distancing measures.

**5 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 It is proposed that , should members agree, the contractual changes are delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services and the Executive Director of Finance and Resources.

**6. Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 The hire of the car park will provide additional leisure and fitness events to our community.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 Rubicon maintains risk registers in relation to both service delivery and Health and Safety compliance for all services provided within the facility including hiring organisations. This is reported to the Board of Directors at each meeting.

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