



**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE  
25 NOVEMBER 2020**

Agenda No

**7**

**Responsible Officer:** Mike Cox – Outdoor Recreation & Assets Manager

**UPDATE ON MARKET**

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**Purpose of the Report**

To receive an update into the Council's activities in the Market Hall

**Market Hall**

From 5 November, the Indoor market has been affected by the second lock down. Prior to that date it was operating at 100% utilisation.

All non-essential traders have been asked to close with only essential traders open for business. These include fruit and veg stalls, fish monger, bakers, butchers and food outlets providing a click and collect service.

Some of these businesses have had to close or to do a deep clean and sterilise all touch points due to staff having to self-isolate, so this has affected the number of essential businesses operating in the Market at the current moment in time.

Environmental Health attended the market and were confident that all the precautions being taken within the hall and by the affected traders were more than appropriate.

There are normally 31 businesses operating, but currently open with 11. The early indications are all traders are keen to resume business with some opting to operate on a Thursday to make up for lost trade and to cope with an increase in deliveries.

Attendance is down by two thirds, this will also be reflected in the income for November.

There are currently seven potential traders on the waiting list, however some of these are currently not permitted to trade not only due to the lack of available space but also to ensure compliance with Trader Mix Policy which states there are currently a sufficient number of butchers, cafes, fruit and veg and alcoholic drinks etc. The Trader Mix Policy will be reviewed in January 2021

**RECOMMENDED:**

**That the Report be noted**