

**Executive response to a recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to item 9 on the agenda for the 13 December 2023  
Executive meeting: Review of Weekly Markets**

Recommendation arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 6 December 2023.

**Context**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the alternative options set out in the report. The Committee felt that where town councils are willing, they should be encouraged to take on responsibility for running markets and the priority of the Council should be to support thriving market towns rather than generating a small amount of income. The Committee heard from Members that Witney Town Council was likely to be open to taking on responsibility for the operational control of the market in Witney. The Committee considered that Chipping Norton Town Council was unlikely to be in the same position currently but that it may be possible work in partnership with them and reach a similar position. To this end the Committee felt that a commercial operator should be sought for an initial period of one year rather than two.

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Executive Member	Lead Officer
Recommendation 1 – That the local ward members are added as consultees to the first recommendation and the initial period in recommendation 2 is set at one year rather than two years.		<i>Executive response to follow</i>	Councillor Duncan Enright, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Economic Development	Will Barton, Business Development Officer