



<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Culture, Leisure & Sport Decision Meeting
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	16 March 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	Victorious Festival
<b>Report by:</b>	Director of Culture and City Development
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Full Council decision:</b>	No

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To update the Cabinet Member on the negotiations with Victorious Festival for a further contract period and to request authority to seek to agree to a contract for the single period, without an extension period for the full term.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That officers be authorised to enter into a contract with Victorious Festival for a period of 7 years from 2021 - 2027.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 In October 2016 a report was brought to Culture, Leisure & Sport seeking agreement for the Council to enter into a contract with Victorious Festival to provide land to enable them to hold a large scale event for a further contract period.
- 3.2 Since that report a further successful Festival has been delivered and officers are seeking authorisation to request a change to the contact period which was originally requested of a further five year term (2021 - 2025) with an optional 2 year extension (2026- 2027) to be able to issue a contract for the full term of seven year (2021 - 2027).

**4. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 The on-going success of the event and the increasing national and international brand of Victorious Festival is a significant asset to Portsmouth and brings in substantial secondary spend which benefits. We are aware that this offer is also attractive to other cities who may seek to entice the event to their area and are keen to provide a contract for the full seven years in order to secure this for the city.

## **5. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 5.1 An EIA is not required as the recommendations do not have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics as described in the Equality Act 2010.

## **6. Legal Comments**

- 6.1 In a Culture, Leisure and Sport Decision Meeting on 17 October 2016, a recommendation was approved to enter into a contract for the delivery of Victorious Festivals for a further 5 year term (2021-2025) with an optional 2 year extension (2026-2027) on terms satisfactory to the Director of Culture and City Development, the Director of Finance and Information Services, and the City Solicitor (in consultation with the Cabinet member for Culture, Leisure and Sport).
- 6.2 Extending the contract term to the full 7 years (therefore effectively removing the break clauses that the optional 2 year extension offered) will allow Victorious Festivals Limited to comply with its obligations under the third party contract with Global Festivals Limited. The Authority is not a party to the contract between Victorious Festivals Limited and Global Festivals Limited and has not had sight of this.

## **7. Director of Finance Comments**

- 7.1 The Victorious Festival generates significant income for the city.
- 7.2 There are costs that the organisers have to pay direct to the council in order to hold the event. In addition to this, there is also a large amount of secondary income for local businesses generated by visitors.
- 7.3 The extension of the contract period will ensure that these income streams will continue for a further two years.

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Signed by:  
**Stephen Baily**  
**Director of Culture and City Development**

**Appendices:       None**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Victorious Festival Report October 2016	<a href="http://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s12799/Victorious%20Festival%20report.pdf">http://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s12799/Victorious%20Festival%20report.pdf</a>

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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Signed by:  
**Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport**