

Item 121
Call for Dispensation

Please see below a copy of an email sent to Cllrs from Cllr Szklarczyk received on 3rd January 2022:

To the Full Council, Rugeley Town Council

I am writing to ask the Full Council to consider the dispensation granted to me from all meetings attendance for the period of six months starting January 2022.

My request is caused by the arrangements in my work place.

My new work arrangements make it impossible to attend Council meetings as I work outside Rugeley and do not have any means of transport, except public transport that unfortunately is unreliable.

My work arrangements are valid until the end of June 2022 at the moment.

I kindly ask the Full Council to consider my request.

I do understand if my request is not approved, I will consider my resignation.

Kind regards

Anna Szklarczyk

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Pantomime

Background

Each year the Town Council pays for a pantomime to be put on at the Rose Theatre. The tickets are initially released to the local primary schools for the Monday – Friday day time performances. We operate two performances a day for schools – 10am and 1pm.

Tickets are also available for public performances only on the Friday evening, two performances on the Saturday and two performances on the Sunday.

In 2021 we changed how we sold tickets and would only allow audiences to be made from school 'bubbles' – so at any daytime performance Monday to Friday – only one school would be in at any one time.

On Tuesday 7th December, The Chancel School was booked in to the 1pm performance. As they had not arrived by 12.45pm, the school were called to check that all was on track to attend. We were informed that the school had the performance in the diary for the 8th December at 10am in error and would therefore not be attending. The school were offered an alternative performance after school on the Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday as a replacement but declined the offer. Owing to the late notice, it was not possible to offer the tickets to another school for that performance.

The school have now requested that we reimburse the full amount of the ticket sales to the school - £1,090.

Rose Committee

At its meeting in January, the Rose Committee consider the request and it was agreed that the money be held by the Council. A letter was sent to The Chancel School and we received a response letter stating that they should like to have the consideration reviewed as blame lay on both sides for the confusion.

Recommendation

Councillors to consider the request from The Chancel school.

Item 129
Policy Timetable

Background

Rugeley Town Council have a number of policies that support the work of the town council, its staff, councillors and residents. Each year the town council has an obligation to review the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Assessment.

Since writing the policies, it is necessary to undertake periodic reviews of them to ensure that they are still fit for purpose.

Attached is a spreadsheet of the policies the council holds, the dates they were created and any review date.

Cllrs will see that a number of the policies are overdue for review.

Recommendation

Cllrs are asked to comment on when the policies should be reviewed.