

Christmas Market Motion

Proposer: Cllr Clare Smalley

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Council notes:

- In February 2023 the executive of the City Council decided to cancel the Lincoln Christmas Market from 2023 onwards.
- Despite a successful Christmas Market in 2022 that attracted over 320,000 people to our city.
- That the replacement events programme has not attracted the same number of people or the same publicity to our city.

Council believes:

- That the decision to cancel the market was done in haste and without proper consultation of stallholders, local businesses, residents and visitors to see what changes could have been made to the market without a cancellation.
- A Christmas Market in Lincoln is a vital part of the local economy and provides income to hotels, restaurants and shops of all kinds in the city.
- The previous incarnation of the Christmas Market was not perfect and had issues around overcrowding and safety. However, events of a much bigger magnitude are run across the country and there are lessons to be learnt on how to run such an event in a safe and secure manner.

Council resolves:

- That the executive should consult stallholders, local businesses, residents and visitors on what they would like to see in a future Lincoln Christmas Market.
- That the Leader of the Council bring an item to the Executive agenda in the next 6 months to vote on "Bringing back a safe and sustainable Lincoln Christmas Market".