



# Andover Town Council

Item No.

To **agree** that Andover Town Council will lead on Andover Pride 2025.

To **appoint** a Councillor lead to work with the Communication and Events Manager/Acting Town Clerk to start planning Pride 2025.

To: C&E Committee

By: Cllr Farren

Date of Report: 20/1/2025

## Background:

In 2024 Andover Town Council organised the inaugural Andover Pride. It was very well received and the hope is that the Council run it again this year 2025 as per the draft Business plan. There is a budget set aside for this end.

The Pocket Park has been reserved for the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025 and TVBC have agreed that we can use their premises licence so that ticketing is not required.

## From the draft Business plan:

1.3 Other events	Andover Pride 2025 An event to celebrate VE day on 8 May 2025.	Andover Pride 2026
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## Considerations:

Currently the Working Group does not have a Chair or a Deputy Chair.

The following things need to be booked/sourced as a matter of urgency:

- Stage
- Lights
- Sound System
- Acts/hosts
- Stalls inc food vendors – BiD and TVBC could help with contacts.
- Road Closures

The following things need to be followed up, once a Councillor lead has been established:

- SimplyHealth have approached Andover Town Council asking if they can be involved in the event.
- The Town Mills would happily provide a BBQ and access to their bar
- The Travelling Cupcake has a food van and they could be approached to bring it.
- The Andover Pride page is still live, the website would need looking into.

There is of course the option to NOT hold the event, or outsource it to Andover Community Events, or to find somebody else to run it.

**Recommendations:**

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