

### BONFIRE – AUDIT BOARD

#### **1. Quote from other organisations re cost of Security Company?**

LMS Events and Security Company (LMS) were the company selected to manage the event.

Their selection was carried out in line with procurement rules after market testing.

LMS were chosen because

- They have a reputation nationally for managing similar events
- They could deliver within the budget available
- Their previous good working relationship with the Council

The overall management of the event included – BDC Events Team, BDC Health and Safety, LMS, and the Police.

The police also carried out a separate health and safety check for themselves.

#### **2. Did they stop using the clickers as things were getting to dangerous?**

At no time during the event did the police, LMS, or BDC staff judge there was any danger.

The clicker and stamping system was used at all six access points to record all visitors.

The system worked well and we are confident that the vast majority of visitors were recorded. However the number of visitors turning up at the last minute did mean not every person attending was recorded; despite every effort being made to do so.

#### **3. Ball park figure as to the economic logic as to why the option was chosen?**

The clicker and stamping system was chosen on the advice and recommendations of the Police and LMS. The Police and LMS advised that a system that allowed the quickest and safest access to the event by the public should be implemented. The safety of the public attending the event was always the prime responsibility of all staff managing the event and the system of entry was designed on this basis.

#### **4. Probity**

The income collected at the event was managed by LMS and the income was taken away from the park and banked by an independent company, who also manage our car parks income.

The final audited income for the event was in line with the number of attendees. (This includes an estimation for the under count on the clickers). The first unaudited count overestimated the income because of double counting.

At no point did officers have any concerns of impropriety.

#### **5. Lessons for 2008**

For 2008 we will be introducing advanced sales and a box office on the night. While this will be more expensive it will allow easier management of the money and easier recording of the number of visitors. It will also allow easier access through the entry points.

#### **6. Summary**

The 2007 the bonfire was successfully delivered within the agreed budget with the full cooperation of the police.

For 2008 a box office system will be introduced to allow easier management of access to the bonfire and easier management of the income from the event.