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STATEMENT

In organising the Town's annual Christmas Market, road closures and a range of other measures must be put in place and agreed with relevant bodies and authorities on the Lincolnshire Event Safety Partnership (LESP)

For a number of years, the Council has allowed the organiser of the Santa Fun Run to piggy back on the road closures required for the Market. The Run requires additional closures and these are to be serviced to the standards set and agreed with the LESP. Agreeing these and providing such things as stewards is the responsibility of the organiser of the Santa Run. The lengthy process includes attending meetings with representatives of the LESP as well as completing required paperwork.

In the last two years in the absence of the organiser at meetings or to complete the paperwork to enable the Run to happen, Sleaford Town Council became drawn in and completed the required work to the satisfaction of the authorities.

In January of this year, the Council reviewed what had happened in the past and resolved to advise the Fun Run organiser that in future, that they would need to be responsible for the additional and required work in agreeing and completing the relevant applications.

This was done verbally in February 2017 and the Town Clerk advised the organiser again in writing in both July and September 2017. In the past few weeks, further information and assistance was provided to the organiser about what is needed to gain the permissions.

The Town Council, with the agreement of the organiser of the Santa Run, is willing to release copies of any correspondence if required.

The Christmas Market will take place on 3rd December 2017 and the Council looks forward to working with organisations within the town to make this year's event a success.

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31st October 2017