

LEE Committee – 3rd November 2020

Agenda Item LEE1592/20

Festive Karaoke

As our Christmas market is no longer taking place this year we do not have a festive event for the community yet still have this budgeted. Christmas carolling is a brilliant tradition that can take place in a Covid-safe way outside in groups of family members and is loved by people of all ages. As a modern council we are constantly looking for ways to adapt and innovate, with a Festive karaoke being a great opportunity for us.

Residents could sign up for a slot for them and their family to participate in the karaoke which would take place outside the council office (in a gazebo if raining). Depending on the amount of interest slots would be 1 song long which would enable 12 families to attend per hour, a total of 96 families in addition to anyone wishing to watch or join in from afar. Microphones would be on a stand so they are not touched and also wiped down after each use.

As we need to ensure the Festive Karaoke is Covid safe it is proposed that we seek help of a dedicated karaoke provider to run the event. They have been trained to ensure their events are Covid safe and are also able to ensure smooth set up of the equipment.

HireKaraoke have provided the cheapest quote at £460 for 9am-5pm on Saturday 5th December. This includes:

- A computerised karaoke system
- professional disco style lighting and decorations
- 1 pair of powerful professional speakers
- 2 professional microphones and stands
- A TV monitor displaying the song lyrics
- Over 20,000 professional karaoke tracks including non festive tracks for those wishing to sing a different song
- Fully run and set up by dedicated technicians who can run the event in a Covid safe way

If successful we could look to run a similar event each year and invest in the Karaoke equipment ourselves. However as the first time running the event and with the current global pandemic this is not recommended.

Proposal:

- To run a Festive Karaoke on Saturday 5th December at a cost of £460

Cllr Emily Benner