

Full Council

8 June 2026

Gate to Plate

Purpose of Report

Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to a) continue Gate to Plate and b) enter a new Contract (i. for 3 years or ii. Ongoing) with Eat Festivals for Gate to Plate events.

Recommendation:

That Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to:

- a. Continue Gate to Plate and
- b. Enter a new ongoing contract with Eat Festivals for Gate to Plate events.

Background:

1. The Honiton Gate to Plate event was first run in 2018 and again in 2019 by EDDC (with HTC).
2. The event for 2020 was planned to be run by HTC (with EDDC), which entered an agreement with eat Festival (EF) to provide the event but the 2020 event was cancelled due to Covid-19 and EF agreed to roll-over the Year 1 fee for an event in 2021 (Year 1).
3. Gate to Plate has subsequently been held in Honiton continuously between 2021 and 2026 with a new 3 year agreement entered into with Eat Festivals in November 2023.

Report:

4. The current agreement with Eat Festivals confirmed that the duration of the Agreement would be for three years from the Commencement Date (1 November 2023) with an option to extend the Agreement for a further three years.
5. The contract provides for a flat rate annual fee of £2500 per annum, payable in three instalments over the calendar year. If the option to extend the Contract is exercised the agreement allows for both parties to review and

agree the fees for the Contract extension period before the Contract extension period commences.

6. Eat Festivals has provided two versions of a new agreement for consideration:
 - i. Option 1 is a repeat of the current agreement: a three-year agreement with a fixed fee and a break clause
 - ii. Option 2 is a rolling agreement: fixed fee renegotiated every 3 years with a break clause.

Option 2 arguably would give both parties the firm “Gate to Plate is here to stay” assurance.

7. Should Members have any queries, they should not hesitate to contact the Deputy Town Clerk for further information.

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