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The logo for Eden District Council features the word "Eden" in a large, elegant serif font. A stylized, wavy line representing a river or stream flows through the letter "E".

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Dear Mr McDarren

Thank you for your letter regarding Appleby Horse Fair of 9 September, which I received on 22 September 2022.

Your letter sets out a number of issues and asking for comment and answers to questions. I would make the following points in response.

Firstly, the Fair is not a legal entity as you state and Eden District Council is not responsible for its organisation. The Council is however one of a number of statutory and voluntary bodies including the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, the County Council and the RSPCA that come together under a Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordination Group (MASC) to co-ordinate the different organisations' respective statutory responsibilities in respect of the Fair. Most of the comments that you raise relate to the responsibilities of organisations other than Eden District Council and I have forwarded your letter to be distributed to the relevant organisations in MASC to respond to you on the issues relevant to them as they think appropriate. It would not be appropriate for me to pass comment on the responsibilities of other agencies or respond on their behalf. I can facilitate a meeting with the appropriate members of MASC if you wish to explore the issue further.

There are some specific questions that you raise relating to licencing that are relevant to Eden District Council.

Q. Is the sale of Horses licenced?

A. The sale of horses is not licenced by Eden District Council.

Q. Are there street trading licences and alcohol licences in place for Fair Hill? If so, how are these licences enforced?

A. Eden District Council issues six street trading licences for the centre of Appleby but Fair Hill and the surrounding fields fall outside of the designated street licencing area and therefore street trading licences are not applicable. The market field has planning permission that allows for market stalls during the Fair. Whilst there are no licences to

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Ian Frost
Chief Executive



enforce, Eden District Council does inspect food stalls for compliance with the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013. Cumbria County Council Trading Standards service are the responsible body for enforcing non-food sales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Frost', written in a cursive style.

Ian Frost