

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22
Decision No.
2313

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 1 November 2021

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Review of Community Buildings
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to note the findings of the condition surveys of the Council's community buildings, understand the costs of necessary maintenance works identified in this process and consider the most appropriate allocation of resources to ensure the long-term maintenance of these important community assets.

The Council owns 16 community buildings that act as a hub for its communities and are well-used for leisure and social activities. In 2020 each building was surveyed to identify the maintenance to that facility that would be required over the following 5-year period. The findings of the surveys were refined to understand which works were necessary and the responsibility of the Council as detailed in the individual Leases.

The urgent works individually costing over £10,000 that were identified as the responsibility of the Council came to a total of £466,500. In addition, many smaller repairs were also identified that would be required to be carried out over the next 5-year period. These were identified as costing the Council £117,000 in total.

The Executive is asked to allocate funds from the Council's budget to enable the scheduling of the necessary significant repairs and the smaller revenue works to enable the Council to meet its maintenance responsibilities for its community buildings.

Options Considered:

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a Council appointed Trustee of Whiteley Community Association.

The comments of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the allocation of up to £433,000 from the General Fund Revenue Reserve to establish a capital budget for the urgent significant repair works to the Council's community buildings, as identified by the Condition Surveys;
- (b) notes the potential works required to the X-perience building, which will be subject to a separate report; and
- (c) notes the smaller necessary repairs, totalling £117,000, identified that are the Council's responsibility as detailed with the Leases held.

Reason:

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the Council's community buildings and to prevent excessive future costly repairs resulting from delayed maintenance.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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