

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2016/17
Decision No.
1800

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 6 June 2016

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Westbury Manor Museum Re-Modelling Proposal
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure and Cultural Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Leisure for Health and Fun

Purpose:

To consider a proposal to re-model the Westbury Manor Museum as a vibrant 'culture stop', with pop-up exhibitions and events, enhanced café and retail outlet.

Westbury Manor Museum is a community museum that tells the story of Fareham's rich and varied local history. However, the exhibitions and reception spaces require modernising and visitor numbers are in decline.

In May 2015 the Executive approved a vision for the transformation of the cultural facilities in Fareham. This included the re-invention of Westbury Manor Museum as a vibrant 'culture stop'.

Officers from the Leisure & Community team, Hampshire Cultural Trust and Hampshire County Council architects have prepared a feasibility study to deliver the vision for a re-modelled Westbury Manor Museum. The aim is to create a vibrant cultural heritage attraction at a key strategic location on West Street, Fareham.

The cost of the main building works is £665,000 with Hampshire Cultural Trust funding £217,000 and Fareham Borough Council £448,000. It is proposed that £285,000 held by the Council in "The Charity of Miss Winifred Nellie Cocks" is utilised plus an additional £163,000 from reserves.

The Council would enter into a 10 year management agreement with Hampshire Cultural Trust, including a lease for the building. After taking account of the cost of capital, the saving to the Council over the 10 year agreement would be £396,000.

This provides an exciting and unique opportunity to transform one of the key cultural facilities in Fareham and create a vibrant 'culture stop' which will re-energise the visitor experience to the museum and a focal point for the town centre.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) proposals to remodel the Westbury Manor Museum as outlined in the report;
- (b) that £285,000 held by the Council in the Charity of Miss Winifred Nellie Cocks be used towards the cost of funding the works;
- (c) that £163,000 from capital reserves is allocated towards the cost of funding the works;
- (d) up to £35,000 is allocated from the Innovation Fund for improvements and enhancements to the frontage of the building;
- (e) a 10 year management agreement and lease to Hampshire Cultural Trust for the provision of a museum service in the Westbury Manor building, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed; and
- (f) that £64,500 funding from revenue for the first year of the new management agreement.

Reason:

To modernise current exhibitions and reception spaces and address the decline in visitor numbers. There is also the opportunity to deliver significant revenue saving to the Council.

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Y Services Lease of Former Hill Park Clinic
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure and Cultural Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Leisure for Health and Fun

Purpose:

To advise the Executive on an opportunity to bring a vacant property at Frosthole Close into community use.

This report outlines a proposal from Y Services to take on a lease of the former physiotherapy centre at Frosthole Close for use as a community scrapstore and training facility for young people.

It is proposed to offer Y Services a ten year full repairing lease and that Y Services fund the capital costs of bringing the building back into a tenable condition and the ongoing revenue costs associated with operating the building.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillor F W Birkett addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to offer a ten year lease of the former physiotherapy centre at Frosthole Close to Y-Services at a peppercorn rent, subject to Y-Services obtaining the grant funding for the project.

Reason:

To bring the vacant premises back into use and to provide a community use for the benefit of the residents of Fareham.

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Hook Recreation Ground Sports Changing Room - Change of Use
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure and Cultural Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Leisure for Health and Fun

Purpose:

To seek approval to convert the former sports changing rooms at the Hook Recreation Ground into a satellite depot for the Council's Streetscene Operations team.

In December 2014, the Executive resolved that the designation of the land at Hook Recreation Ground be changed from "parks and amenity open space" to "natural green space"; be no longer used for formal sports provision and that the changing rooms be demolished if a suitable alternative use for the building could not be found.

An alternative use to convert the changing rooms into a satellite depot for the grounds maintenance and street sweeping teams is proposed as a means of helping provide a more cost effective and efficient service.

The Executive is requested to approve capital funding of £25,000 to allow the conversion of the existing changing rooms together with a further £12,000 to demolish and return to open space the existing mess room facilities at the Locks Heath House Park if the Locks Heath Tennis Club opt not to take on this building as a club house.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that the existing changing room at the Hook Recreation Ground be converted to provide a satellite depot for the Council's Grounds Maintenance Team;
- (b) that the existing mess room at the Locks Heath House Park be demolished if an agreement cannot be reached with the Locks Heath Tennis Club to use this facility as

a club house/toilet facilities; and

(c) that a capital budget of £37,000 be used from the S106 Open Spaces Maintenance budget to fund the works to both buildings.

Reason:

To provide a more efficient and cost effective means of operating the grounds maintenance and street sweeping operations and to improve the storage capability for these operations in the western wards of the Borough.

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Portfolio	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Fareham Innovation Centre - Phase 2
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	Corporate Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	To maintain and extend prosperity A Dynamic, Prudent & Progressive Council

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to proceed with the development of Fareham Innovation Centre Phase 2 and to include provision for the scheme within the Capital Programme.

Owing to the remarkable success of Fareham Innovation Centre, it is now being proposed to build a second phase, immediately adjacent to the existing building.

The purpose of this second phase is twofold. First of all it will provide some larger space to enable businesses within the first phase to grow and move on, thus retaining their jobs and skills within the immediate area. Secondly it will provide more small office and workshop space to enable new start-up businesses to move into the Centre and be supported to prosper and grow in their early years.

The total estimated cost of the scheme is £6.6m and authority is sought to add this to the Capital Programme. However, a bid for a grant of £1.980m has been submitted to the Solent LEP under the Solent Local Growth Deal. If successful, this will reduce the Council's borrowing requirement, although the outcome of the submission will not be known until later in 2016.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees in principle to proceed with Fareham Innovation Centre Phase 2, with provision of £6.6m being made for the scheme within the Capital Programme;
- (b) notes that if the application for grant funding from the Solent Local Growth Deal is

unsuccessful, the business case will be reviewed by the Director of Finance and Resources to consider scheme viability, who will make recommendations to the Executive;

(c) grants delegated authority to the Director of Finance and Resources to appoint a design team to complete that pre-construction phase of work;

(d) grants delegated authority to the Director of Finance and Resources in consultation with the Executive Leader, to accept a tender for the construction of the scheme provided it is within the capital budget and funding is secured; and

(e) notes the membership of the Members Daedalus Working Group as Councillors J E Butts, T Cartwright, M J Ford and Mrs K Mandry and an opposition group member, to be advised.

Reason:

To enable the Fareham Innovation Centre Phase 2 to proceed, building on the success of the first phase and continuing to provide support to enable new businesses to prosper and grow within the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus.

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Portfolio	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Matched Funding
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
Strategy/Policy:	All Strategy/Policies
Corporate Objectives:	All Corporate Objectives

Purpose:

To provide details of matched funding requests received by the Council during the first quarter of the 2016/17 financial year.

During the first quarter of 2016/17, the Council has received one matched funding request:

Victory Hall has requested £40,000 towards repairs and improvements to the building.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that Executive agrees to award matching funding of up to £40,000 be awarded to Victory Hall to pay towards repairs and improvements to the building.

Reason:

To act as an enabler, assisting the local community in making improvements to local community facilities, and introducing new facilities for the benefit of all age groups within the community.

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Portfolio

Subject: Local Governance in Hampshire

Report of:

Strategy/Policy: Corporate Strategy

**Corporate
Objectives:**

Purpose:

To consider a request for contributions towards commissioning a review of options for effective governance of local services.

On Friday 13th May, the Leader of Hampshire County Council announced that Deloitte had been commissioned to provide an analysis of the estimated costs and risks against the financial and non-financial benefits of a range of options for local governance across the geographies of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The options were centred around the creation of Unitary models of governance on different geographical areas.

The commission was carried out on behalf of Hampshire County Council, and the report will be considered at its Cabinet meeting on 6th June.

Hampshire Leaders, Chief Executives and other interested parties met on Friday 20th May, where the County Council presented its report and outlined plans for a public consultation in relation to the options analysis. At the meeting, Leaders of Boroughs and Districts generally felt that a broader consultation on a joint basis with the various tiers of local government would be more beneficial, particularly in light of the emerging discussions with the Department for Communities and Local Government over possible devolution opportunities in the parts of the county.

In order to carry out a meaningful and productive public consultation exercise, it is felt that a broader perspective of the options and relative merits for local service delivery is essential. Due to the inherent limited scope of the report commissioned from Deloitte by Hampshire County Council, it is felt that this does not represent a sound basis for a broad consultation, and that further work would be necessary.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have subsequently agreed to lead on a further commission, and have invited financial contributions to broaden the scope of their work and to enable this to be undertaken expediently.

Separate expertise may also be necessary to prepare a range of consultation questions that can usefully inform the development of governance arrangements going forward.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) CONSIDERED making available up to £25,000 to support the development of a broad analysis of options that could be used to inform a public engagement exercise for local governance arrangements in Hampshire, and associated consultation work; and
- (b) GRANTED delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Leader, to determine the appropriate method of delivering the work and commit the funding.

Reason:

To enable the Council to contribute to a governance commission.

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