

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 3 November 2014

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Review of Community Buildings - Titchfield CAT Area
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Leisure for Health and Fun

Purpose:

To report the draft Master Plan for implementing the requirements identified in community buildings needs assessment of the Titchfield Community Action Team Area (CAT).

Executive summary:

In July 2008, the Executive agreed a broad vision for providing high quality community facilities across the Borough. The agreed way forward was to carry out a needs assessment of the community buildings in each of the CAT areas and then to prepare a master plan for implementing the outcome of each needs assessment.

The Titchfield Needs Assessment has been concluded and the results were reported to the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel on 23 July 2014.

The needs assessment for the Titchfield CAT area highlighted that the overall provision was good and that the objective of achieving high quality community facilities in the area was being achieved. However, one site was identified where further work may be required to meet the identified need, i.e. the Abshot Community Centre.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

That the Executive approves:

- (a) the Master Plan for the Titchfield Community Action Team area; and
- (b) the allocation of a capital budget of £200,000 for the refurbishment of the Abshot Community Centre.

Reason:

To progress the implementation of the review of community buildings.

Cost of proposals:

The costs of implementing the action plan could be funded from the existing capital budget for the review of community buildings.

Background papers:

Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel – 23 July 2014 – Review of Community Buildings Draft Master Plan.

Appendix A – Community facilities in the Titchfield Common ward.

Appendix B – Community facilities in the Titchfield ward.

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by: Director of Community

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INTRODUCTION

1. As part of Fareham Borough Councils commitment to provide high quality community facilities across the Borough, a review of all of the Council owned community buildings was carried out in 2008.
2. In July 2008, the Executive agreed a broad vision for providing high quality community facilities across the Borough. The agreed way forward was to carry out a needs assessment in each of the CAT areas and then to prepare a master plan for implementing the outcome of each needs assessment.
3. The Executive agreed to a phased approach to implementing this, based on the CAT area as defined at that time:-
 - **Phase 1** - Portchester;
 - **Phase 2** - Crofton;
 - **Phase 3** - Titchfield;
 - **Phase 4** - Fareham Town; and
 - **Phase 5** - Western Wards and Whiteley.
4. In November 2011, the Executive amended the phasing so that Fareham Town was carried out in phase 3 with the Titchfield area in phase 4. Phases one, two and three the review have been completed.

TITCHFIELD CAT AREA NEEDS ASSESSMENT

5. The Titchfield CAT area is made up of two wards; Titchfield and Titchfield Common.
6. The needs assessment for the Titchfield CAT area highlights that the overall provision was good and that the objective of achieving high quality community facilities in the area was being achieved. The Titchfield Community Centre is

successful and has benefited from significant improvements over the last two years including the replacement of the flat roofs and a replacement programme for the doors and windows.

7. The needs assessment identified one building where action is required to improve the facility.

Abshot Community Centre

8. Abshot Community Centre is a single story detached building within its own grounds. A condition survey of the building in 2008 highlighted a need for significant remedial works, principally to the roof structure, covering and associated rainwater goods. Since this time only minimal responsive maintenance has been carried out to the building. Therefore, it remains in need of substantial repairs if it is to be brought up to an acceptable standard for a modern community building. It is estimated that a budget of £200,000 is required to bring the building up to an acceptable condition.

9. The proposed refurbishment works would include:

- Redesigning and recovering the roof.
- Re design and provide new gutters and downpipes.
- New front entrance and lobby to improve access to the building for those with a disability.
- New internal doors to improve access within the building for those with a disability.
- Improved insulation.
- Repairs to the external paths.
- Improvements to the mechanical and electrical installation as required.

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

10. The key outcome from the needs assessment of the Titchfield CAT area is the need to modernise and refurbish the Abshot Community Centre at a budget cost of £200,000.
11. An existing capital budget of £438,500 is available to assist in implementing the improvements identified in the review of community buildings. It is recommended that the Executive consider allocating £200,000 of this to a refurbishment of the Abshot Community Centre.