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Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP MODEL ESTABLISHED FOR MIDDLE STREET RESOURCE CENTRE, BEESTON

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the Committee of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) and one year licence to be granted to a new local charity called Beeston Community Resource CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which was approved by Finance and Property Committee on 23 March 2015. This innovative partnership between the Council and BCR CIO will enable significant social care outcomes to be realised by people in Beeston and surrounding areas, and has the potential to deliver cashable financial benefits to the Council in future.

Information and Advice

2. The site on Middle Street in Beeston was purchased by the County Council in 1970 from Beeston & Stapleford Urban District Council for the purpose of building and operating a 'Psychiatric Day Centre'. Construction of the new building was completed in 1972 and a day centre with a mental health focus has operated on the site since that time. The day centre was refurbished in early 2013 including providing office space in part of the building.
3. The day service for people with mental illness integrated into the former Barncroft Centre (Sunnyside Road, Chilwell) to form the Broxtowe Day Service in 2013. After refurbishment of the Middle Street building, it was used as a base both for day service activities and for the operation of Mental Health Co-production.
4. From March 2014, the day service ceased to operate from the Middle Street base as it became more efficient to concentrate staffing and activities at the main day service site in Chilwell. Mental Health Co-production continued to operate from the Middle Street base and a variety of new community initiatives have been encouraged to flourish in the sections of the building that were no longer being used by the day service.
5. As part of the day service savings programme agreed by Full Council in February 2014, it was agreed that the day service will release the Middle Street building-related budgets as a recurrent saving, since the service had no further use for the building.

6. One third of the Middle Street building was developed into office accommodation in 2013 and this will be used by the Broxtowe and Hucknall Community Mental Health Team, which is relocating some of the staff from the NHS property in Beeston known as the Hope Centre.
7. The future of the remaining two thirds of the building was unclear until representatives of the people who access the community activities approached the Council to ask for the opportunity to take over the management of this part of the building, so that it could continue to be used by the existing mental health service users and others from the local community who benefit from the activities. These representatives have formed the new charity called BCR CIO, for the sole purpose of running the community side of the building. They have committed to maintain the existing activities of music, gardening, crafts and educational courses together with a widening range of support services and to make the centre available and used by the local community.
8. The purpose of the service is to enable people suffering from mental ill-health, social exclusion or other social disadvantages the opportunities to gain support and advice with a wide range of needs, in order to deliver outcomes that promote health, well-being and quality of life. The Centre will be available for use by charities whose members comprise mainly mental health service users, but other members of the community will not be excluded. A wide range of support services will be provided, including:
 - peer to peer support
 - training in computer and internet skills
 - support in using the internet to access social benefits on-line
 - advocacy
 - social and recreational activities.
9. BCR CIO's aims are consistent with Nottinghamshire County Council's Strategic Plan Priority 4 'Providing Care and Promoting Health', and with the proposed strategic priorities in the 'No Health without Mental Health, Nottinghamshire's Mental Health Framework for Action (2014 – 2017)'. The Adult Social Care Strategy also supports this development as it emphasises that "we must focus resources on support that prevents, delays and reduces the need for care and support.... we will expect to share responsibility with individuals, families and communities to maintain their health and independence".
10. This partnership will not only maximise the usefulness of Middle Street Resource Centre for the local community in general, but will also provide additional opportunities for activities across a wide spectrum of participants, encouraging social interaction and helping to dispel the stigma which often attaches to disability and social isolation.
11. BCR CIO has been granted a licence to use the building for 2015/16, free of any charges (excepting additional use of caretaking and cleaning staff beyond normal working hours). This will give the group time to establish an income stream from their part of the centre, to prove that it would be viable for them to contribute to the running costs, from 2016/17 onwards. During 2015/16, BCR CIO is expected to:

- generate sufficient new income to show that it can cover the on-going costs of two thirds of the building in future, by hiring out rooms to external organisations and submitting successful funding bids for grants
 - meet the outcomes specified in the SLA
 - adhere to the terms and conditions detailed in the licence.
12. The total budget for building-related expenses at Middle Street was £79,000 in 2014/15. This will continue to be funded by the Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection (ASCH&PP) department.
 13. Regular monitoring reports against the outcomes specified in the SLA will be prepared by BCR CIO, so that progress can be tracked and support offered to BCR CIO by the Council as necessary. Monitoring will be undertaken by the ASCH & PP department.
 14. If BCR CIO proves its viability against the indicators outlined at paragraph 10, then an updated business case will be submitted to the Finance and Property Committee, as per the requirements of the Community Asset Transfer Policy. This business case will identify how the organisation is able to support the Council's corporate objectives. Any lease will need to be at market rental level and it will be for BCR to outline in the business case how its activities meet corporate objectives to justify the difference in value between market rent and rent payable.

Other Options Considered

15. The report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

16. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

18. The financial implications are that the current budget for building-related expenses at Middle Street will be retained for 2015/16.

Human Resources Implications

19. Monitoring work will be undertaken by an Officer from the ASCH & PP Department. Corporate Property and a member of the Community Mental Health Team (CMHT) will be involved in joint meetings with BCR CIO to ensure effective operation of the Middle Street building. Current staff management of the caretaker and cleaner will continue.

Public Sector Equality Duty Implications

20. The implications of this new partnership are that activities to deliver social benefit and emotional well-being will continue to be provided and expanded at Middle Street, for people with mental illness or distress, and anyone who is experiencing social exclusion for any reason or requires assistance in developing the capacity and skills to overcome social disadvantage. There is no Equality Impact Assessment as this proposal does not produce any identified negative impacts on people with disabilities.

Implications for Service Users

21. The new partnership will ensure that anyone in the local community, who is suffering from mental illness or distress, is experiencing social exclusion for any reason or requires assistance in developing the capacity and skills to overcome social disadvantage will continue to be welcome at Middle Street. BCR CIO intends to make Middle Street available to serve a wide range of community activities and interests. This will not only maximise its usefulness for the local community in general, but will also provide additional opportunities for activities across a wide spectrum of participants, encouraging social interaction and helping to dispel the stigma which often attaches to disability and social isolation.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

22. This partnership has the potential to improve the financial sustainability of the Middle Street building from 2016, assuming that the viability of the BCR CIO business case is proven during 2015/16.

Ways of Working Implications

23. Some of the staff from the CMHT are able to move into the office accommodation at Middle Street, which is more appropriate than current accommodation at the Hope Centre.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee notes the development of the new partnership between the Council and the Beeston Community Resource Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

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Constitutional Comments

24. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (KAS 30/03/15)

25. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 18 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Licence of Middle Street, Beeston, approved by Finance and Property Committee on 23 March 2015

Annual Budget Report 2014/15 Appendix C, approved by Full Council on 27 February 2014

Nottinghamshire County Council's Strategic Plan, 2014 - 2018

'No Health without Mental Health – Nottinghamshire's Mental Health Framework for Action, approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 3 September 2014

Adult Social Care Strategy, approved at the Full Council meeting held on 27 March 2014

Redefining Your Council strategy - approved at the Policy Committee meeting held on 7 May 2014

BCR CIO Business Case, 19 January 2015

Service Level Agreement between Nottinghamshire County Council and BCR CIO

Licence to use Middle Street Resource Centre by BCR CIO

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Beeston South and Attenborough

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