

17 November 2014

Agenda Item: 6c

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENT

RUDDINGTON YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE – NEW LEASE

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval of Members to granting a ten year lease to a third sector provider to occupy and run the Ruddington Youth & Community Centre.

Information and Advice

2. Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Having regard to the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because divulging the information would significantly damage the Council's commercial position. The exempt information is set out in the exempt appendix.
3. The Young People's Service is restructuring to meet a 30% budget reduction (£1.3 million). Consequently, a report was approved on 17 March 2014 by the Children and Young People's Committee which proposed that a number of Young People's Centres and voluntary sector Youth Clubs would no longer be operated by the Youth Service. Following approval, a briefing note was thereafter submitted to the Full Council on 26 June 2014.
4. One of the Premises identified in the aforementioned reports is Ruddington Youth & Community Centre where it is proposed to grant a ten year lease to a third sector provider on the basis that they continue to provide a minimum of three evenings of youth activities to young people in the age range 13-19 years (25 with a disability) for a minimum of 38 weeks per year.
5. The Young People's Service undertook a tender exercise in July 2014. It is understood that two bids were made and of these, Project Body UK Ltd (PBUK), a Ruddington based health and wellbeing provider, were chosen as the preferred bidder.
6. Following extensive negotiations, terms have been agreed with PBUK, having due regard to the need to ensure that the existing users of the building are permitted to continue their occupancy, and these are detailed in the exempt appendix to the report.

Other Options Considered

7. The various options available to The Young People's Service have been identified and discounted within the report to Children and Young People's Committee, dated 17 March 2014.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. The Young People's Service has obtained approval to working with local communities and stakeholders to achieve future delivery from those Young People's Centres at risk of closure. The terms agreed allow youth activities to be maintained whilst removing all future building running costs and responsibilities. The terms also ensure that the terms of occupancy for Sure Start and other existing users are not only maintained but protected.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is recommended that Members approve the granting of a ten year lease to a third sector provider to occupy the Ruddington Youth & Community Centre on the basis as outlined in this report.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 4.11.14)

10. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (TR 4.11.14)

11. The financial implications are set out in the exempt appendix to the report.

Background Papers

12. None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

13. Ward(s): Ruddington
Member(s): Councillor Reg Adair

Background Papers and Published Documents

14. None.

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Properties affected: 03131 - Ruddington Youth & Community