

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People & Places (Introduced by the Executive Member for People)	Executive Cabinet	15 August 2013

CLAYTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL – COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To consider a request from Clayton Brook Community House to progress the transfer of Clayton Brook Village Hall into community management.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The recommendations are;
 - That officers be instructed to work with Clayton Brook Community House to pursue the option of community management at Clayton Brook Village Hall.
 - That a condition of community management is that Clayton Brook Community House look at the best type of organisational structure to manage the facility and show how the representation on this organisation would draw from as broad a cross section in the local area as possible.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Council have received a request from Clayton Brook Community House that Clayton Brook Village Hall be transferred into community management.
- The community management of Council assets is an established policy. We have other community centres that are in Community Management at Fairview and Tatton. We also have a number of playing pitches and open spaces that are in Community Management with local organisations.
- The recommendation is that we progress community management at Clayton Brook Village Hall, working closely with Clayton Brook Community House.
- This work with Clayton Brook Community House would need to consider whether the existing group is the appropriate organisation to take on the community management and will also need to consider how representation, on whatever organisation is considered appropriate, has representation from the broadest possible cross section of the local community.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

7. The recommendation, if approved is consistent with the Council's policy of transferring assets into community management. This empowers the local community and gives them greater ownership, involvement and influence on decisions in their local community. There is also a potential financial saving with this delivery model.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. Not to consider transferring the Village Hall into community management.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

9. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	✓	A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	✓	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

BACKGROUND

10. Clayton Brook Community House have written to the Council requesting that Clayton Brook Village Hall be transferred into community management.
11. The community management of Council assets is an established policy. We have other community centres that are in community management at Fairview and Tatton. We also have a number of playing pitches and open spaces that are in community management with local organisations.
12. The recommendation is that we progress community management at Clayton Brook Village Hall, working closely with Clayton Brook Community House.
13. This work with Clayton Brook Community House would need to consider whether the existing group is the appropriate organisation to take on the community management and will also need to consider how representation, on whatever organisation is considered appropriate, has representation from the broadest possible cross section of the local community.
14. Clayton Brook Community House are a registered charity and have many years experience of managing a community asset. That said, we would encourage them to seek independent advice as to whether the management of a village hall would further their charitable aims. It could transpire that the advice is that another organisation is established to manage the village hall.
15. Assuming there is support to develop community management, a further report would be brought to Executive Cabinet to outline the proposals and seek approval to proceed.

16. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	✓	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	✓	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

17. The net cost of running the Village Hall is currently budget at £16,000 for 2013/14. Until the details of the community management scheme is agreed it is not possible to say whether any savings will be achieved. I will report back to the Executive on the financial implications once more details are available.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

18. Consideration will have to be given to any TUPE implications of the transfer of this service. Agreements to confer a right of exclusive occupation can easily be produced.

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DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

There are no background papers to this report.

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