

Open Report on behalf of Kevin Kendall, County Property Officer, Corporate Property

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| Report to: | County Council |
| Date: | 18 September 2015 |
| Subject: | Bourne Town Hall Trust Management Committee |

Summary:

This report updates Council on the work of the Bourne Town Hall Trust Management Committee since its inception earlier this year.

Members are reminded that in considering this item they are acting in the Council's capacity as sole corporate trustee of Bourne Town Hall Charitable Trust and they are subject to the general duty on all trustees to act at all times in the best interests of the charity.

Recommendation(s):

That Council notes the report

1. Background

As trustee of Bourne Town Hall, the Council must take an active role in governing the Hall as an independent charity.

This will include deciding, in the best interests of the charity, as to the future use of the Hall from the various options available.

At its meeting on 20 February 2015 the Council established the Bourne Town Hall Trust Management Committee, with a membership of Councillors B Adams, D Brailsford, G J Ellis, R L Foulkes and S M Tweedale. Councillor Brailsford was subsequently elected by the Committee as its chairman and Councillor Tweedale as its vice-chairman.

When establishing the Committee, the Council delegated to it the following tasks:

- Undertake an appraisal of the Options
- Undertake public consultation with the residents of Bourne town in respect of the Options and future use of the Hall

- Deliver a comprehensive report to the Council, setting out the Committee's recommendations as to the future use of the Hall, such recommendations to have regard to the outcome of the Committee's public consultation with the residents of Bourne.

The Terms of Reference governing the Committee require the Committee to update the Council as to the progress it is making in respect of the tasks referred to above. This Report is thereby provided by way of such update. The carrying out of the tasks is delegated to the Committee. When the Committee has concluded its report, decisions on the course of action to be taken in relation to the Hall will be taken by the full Council.

The Committee has met on a monthly basis and reviewed the options, requesting further specialist legal advice and guidance when necessary.

At its meeting on 26 August the Committee considered a draft consultation document to be used to gather the views of the Bourne community on the future use of the Hall.

It is anticipated that the consultation document will be signed off by the Committee at its meeting on 23 September 2015 and public consultation will follow in the autumn.

2. Conclusion

The Bourne Town Hall Trust Management Committee has met on a number of occasions to carry out the duties delegated to it by Council as trustee of the charity. The Committee is expected to be in a position to consult with the Bourne community on the future use of the Hall in the autumn. A report to the Council with recommendations as to the future use of the Hall and including the outcome of that consultation will be reported back to Council in due course.

3. Legal Comments:

The Report contains an update on the activities of the Bourne Town Hall Trust Management Committee in preparing a Report to the Council as to the future use of the Hall.

Final decisions are reserved to the full Council acting in the capacity of sole corporate trustee of the Bourne Town Hall Charitable Trust

4. Resource Comments:

There are no material financial implications arising from acceptance of the recommendation in this report.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

Local members have been informed of progress.

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

N/A

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Background Papers

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