

EXECUTIVE SHAREHOLDER AND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

26 November 2019

* Councillor Caroline Reeves (Chairman)
* Councillor Fiona White (Vice-Chairman)

* Councillor Joss Bigmore
* Councillor Jan Harwood
* Councillor Pauline Searle

*Present

Councillors Angela Goodwin and Patrick Sheard were also in attendance.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

3 ALLEN HOUSE PAVILION

The Executive Shareholder and Trustee Committee was asked to consider a proposal from Guildford charity Matrix to renew its lease of the Allen House Pavillion for a 20-year term and to undertake a major refurbishment of the Pavilion using its own funding to create a social enterprise community and youth café and hub for providing enhanced youth services. This would involve improvements to the building and allow Matrix to generate an income, making Matrix more financially sustainable. The proposals would also allow Matrix to expand its youth work. Matrix had obtained planning consent for the proposed works and part change of use.

The Lead Councillor for Finance and Assets, Customer Service introduced the report and set out the recommendations.

The Committee agreed that the contribution of Matrix in the town over the years, supporting all ages, was valued and that the proposals were interesting and ambitious. The Committee

RESOLVED:

- (1) That negotiations be concluded with Matrix for a new 20-year lease, to include rights for Matrix to undertake proposed works to the Pavilion and open a community café, without the need to advertise the lease on the open market.
- (2) That a four-week public consultation be undertaken in respect of the proposed new lease and proposed use.
- (3) That a Tenancy at Will be granted to Matrix allowing continued occupation of the building from 22 December 2019 until a new lease is completed.
- (4) That the Trust authorises the procurement of a contractor to replace the roof of the Pavilion at a cost of up to £50,000 in spring 2020.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The lease to Matrix was due to expire on 22 December 2019. The new lease would generate more rental income for the Trust, allow Matrix to improve the building and open a community café. This would make Matrix more financially sustainable and allow it to expand its youth work.

The meeting finished at 6.07 pm

Signed

Chairman

Date