

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>CHARITIES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>16 JULY 2018</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>TEVERSAL COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RECREATION GROUND (CHARITY NUMBER 522310) - UPDATE</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	N/A		
<b>Ward/s:</b>	STANTON HILL AND TEVERSAL		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	NO		
<b>Subject to Call-In:</b>	NO		

### **Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with an up to date position in respect of the Teversal Community Centre and Recreation Ground (Charity Number 522310).

### **Recommendation(s)**

**Committee is asked to:**

- a) **Note the Minutes of the meeting of the Teversal Grange Advisory Committee held on 27 June 2018 (attached to the report as Appendix 1);**
- b) **Note the current financial position as set out in the report;**
- c) **Note the update as set out in the report regarding the progress in relation to the proposal from the Clubs in respect of the long term future of the Trust;**
- d) **Authorise the Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) to continue to explore options, including the potential for the installation of a gate, to resolve the reported Anti-Social Behaviour incidents occurring on the site;**
- e) **Consider giving approval for a proposed event during August this year (the Nottinghamshire AAA's Summer League athletics race) as set out in the report.**

### **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

To comply with the Scheme (Constitution) of the Teversal Community Centre and Recreation Ground, the Council's Constitution and charities legislation overall.

The Trustee must act in the best interests of the long term future of the Trust.

## **Alternative Options Considered**

*(with reasons why not adopted)*

The Constitution of the Teversal Community Centre and Recreation Ground, the Council's Constitution and charities legislation must be complied with.

## **Detailed Information**

### **Advisory Committee**

An Advisory Committee took place on 27 June 2018. The Minutes of the meeting are attached as Appendix 1 to the report. Issues raised or feedback received from the sports clubs and Visitors Centre are included below where relevant.

### **Temporary Facilities for the Cricket Club**

Temporary changing facilities continue to be provided to the Cricket Club by the Council for the current cricket season. The Council was informed on 1 July that a section of the floor to the changing rooms was showing signs of collapse. Officers visited site on 2 July and works to make the floor safe temporarily were carried out the same week. The company which supplied the unit has been asked to visit to advise on remedial works. The costs for the remedial works will further increase the deficit on this facility for recovery by the Council.

### **Financial Position**

The accumulated deficit as at 31 March 2018 was £143,261. To date in 2018/19, further expenditure of £4,203 has been incurred. The cost of the above remedial works and potential further costs associated with any future proposals to install a gate (see below) will also further increase the deficit to be recovered by the Council.

### **Future Proposal for the Trust**

The Committee will recall that the Football Club informed the Council that it would like to enter into a dialogue about the possibility of a new charity taking over the Trust in its entirety from the Council.

The Council agreed at its meeting in October 2016 to hold discussions about the proposals. The Council believes that the future running of the Trust should be a matter for all the users of the site to be involved in.

A number of meetings have been held between the Council, the Clubs and their representative who is assisting them with the preparation of the business plan in the intervening period.

The three sporting clubs have been in discussions and have agreed that they would like to explore forming a new Charity to take over the Trust from the Council. Their outline proposals include: establishing a Management Committee which has an independent Chairperson and independent representatives in addition to Club representatives; the Council writing off the Trust debt and the Cricket Club retaining the temporary facilities while they obtain funding for a new pavilion. It has also been confirmed that any lease agreements, such as that of the Visitors Centre, would be honoured.

The Assistance Director for Place and Wellbeing recently met with the Clubs and their representative and provided a template for compiling a business plan and connected them

with the Council's Senior Regeneration Officer for Enterprise & Investment who would be offering guidance and support for completing the business plan as required.

At the Advisory Committee meeting, the Football Club representatives explained that the Visitors' Centre were currently not part of the Trust takeover proposals following receipt of a letter in 2017 from the Visitors' Centre declining the request to be involved. However, the offer was still on the table and should they now wish to be part of the discussions to take over the running of the Trust, they would be welcomed and included as part of the business plan development process.

The Clubs have been asked to prepare a detailed proposal which would enable the Council to consider the option fully and consult with CISWO.

### Reported Anti-Social Behaviour

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Councillor Helen-Ann Smith advised the recent meeting that she had been contacted by many residents recently complaining that car cruisers were using the Teversal Grange car park as a racing track and generally causing noise and nuisance.

For the period 29 June 2017 to 29 June 2018 the following incidents have been reported to the police in relation to the Teversal Grange site:

Burglary - 5

Road related and ASB (usually revving of engines, loud music played from car, vehicles doing handbrake turns) – 24

Criminal damage – 1

Theft of motor vehicle – 1

Damage caused by a vehicle losing control and hitting a building – 1

The reports to the police are typically made in the evening/overnight.

Following recent reports, Community Protection Officers will patrol the area when priorities allow.

The area is also becoming heavily affected with litter, mainly packaging from fast food outlets which suggests this is being brought on site by the car cruisers.

Some preliminary work had been undertaken by Officers regarding the possibility of gating the site to stop the cars gaining access to the car park at night. The installation of car park barriers/gates by other organisations has been shown to have reduced littering and anti-social behaviour. The Council has not earmarked any funding to pay for a gate and its installation so some further discussions would be required to secure the cost as appropriate.

The arrangements for opening and closing of the gate each morning and night were discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting and the Clubs recognised that responsibility may fall to them and thought would need to be given to the amount of key holders and opening and closing times agreed. The morning opening of the site would be the more difficult to accommodate easily. The Cricket Club representatives advised that the car cruisers were often on the site by early evening (6.00 p.m.) and continued to gather well into the late evening and night. This would pose tremendous difficulties for any key holders having to try and clear the car park site at night to enable the premises to be secured and the gate locked until the following morning. Clearly the Council would not be prepared to put any individual at risk in endeavouring to secure removal of the car owners from the site each evening.

The noise and nuisance being created by car cruisers on the site was obviously increasing and further work would now need to be undertaken to address the issue. It was proposed that the Council would arrange a meeting with the Police and Community Protection Team to consider the matter further and the Club representatives were asked to also discuss any potential solutions and feed them back to the Council in readiness for the Charities Committee meeting on 16th July, 2018.

The users of the site have been asked to keep a record of when car cruisers are using the car park including the times, dates and number of vehicles to enable the Council to understand more clearly the extent of the problem to identify a suitable solution. Whilst the installation of a gate appears to be an option, there is a concern that this will not be successful if cars are accessing the site at relatively early times in the evening when the site is legitimately being used by the Clubs, the Visitors Centre and the public for access to the trails. The Trust object requires that the site should be accessible for these purposes.

### Forthcoming Event

The Charities Committee is asked to consider giving approval for the following event to take place on the site:

**Event Name:** Notts AAA's Summer League

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018

**Time:** 7.15 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.

**Event Location:** Teversal Visitors' Centre and Trails Network

**Anticipated Attendance Numbers:** 250 – 300

**Event Description:** Free running races for the local athletic clubs and running clubs in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire on the Teversal Trail Network. The group provide Marshalls along the running route and for car parking. First Aid will be provided by St. Johns Ambulance. Group will clean site of any litter after the event.

**Facilities Used:** Trails Network. Site car park and field next to cricket club for car parking with Marshalls provided. Teversal Football Club changing and toilet facilities. Visitors' Centre to open for additional toilet facilities.

The Clubs and the Visitors' Centre confirmed that they were aware of the event, which has taken place annually for a long time and recommended that the Charities Committee approve the event.

### Implications

#### **Corporate Plan:**

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#### **Legal:**

The legal and constitutional issues are detailed in the report.

**Finance:**

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	There is no revenue budget for this service. Failure to recover the deficit will adversely impact the Council's financial position.
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

**Risk:**

Risk	Mitigation
Increasing deficit.	Ongoing negotiations with the site users for the future management of the site, including leases and/or taking over the trust.
Failing to adequately deal with the reported Anti-Social Behaviour on the site impacting on users and residents living nearby. Potential gating solutions might create risks for the individuals opening and closing the gates as set out in the report.	Work will be undertaken to assess the extent of the anti-social behaviour and to ensure any solutions are formulated so as to reduce risks and alleviate and impact on the site users and the residents.

**Human Resources:**

There are no human resource issues identified in the report.

**Equalities:**

There are no equality and diversity issues identified in the report. The business case when produced by the Clubs will be assessed by the Council against many factors but these will include equality and diversity issues.

**Other Implications:**

None

**Background Papers**

None

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