

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>CHARITIES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 JULY 2017</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>TEVERSAL COMMUNITY CENTRE AND RECREATION GROUND (CHARITY NUMBER 522310) - UPDATE</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Ward/s:</b>	<b>STANTON HILL AND TEVERSAL</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>NO</b>		
<b>Subject To Call-In:</b>	<b>NO</b>		

### **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 current financial position as set out in the report;**
- b) Note the progress made in respect of the leases;**
- c) Note the outline proposals from the Clubs in respect of the long term future of the Trust and that the Clubs have been asked to prepare a more detailed proposal.**

### **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 and seek to generate income to sustain the charity.

### **Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)**

The report is for noting only and so there are no alternative options.

## **Detailed Information**

### **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.

### **Financial Position**

The Trust recorded a deficit of £9.7k for the financial year 2016/17, When added to the losses brought forward from previous years this means that the accumulated deficit as at 31 March 2017 was £129.8k. To date in 2017/18, further expenditure of £7k has occurred.

### **Progress with Leases**

The Clubs and the Visitors Centre were all given draft leases for consideration during March 2017. The Clubs and Visitors Centre have all been in contact with the Council regarding the draft leases and negotiations are ongoing with them in respect of the wording of the leases.

### **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.

In November 2016, at the request of the Football Club, Officers met with a resident of the local area who has no existing links with any of the Clubs but has experience running charities to see if he could be of assistance as an independent representative.

A further meeting was held during June 2017. It is understood that 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 Clubs have been asked to prepare a detailed proposal which would enable the Council to consider the option fully and consult with CISWO.

## **Implications**

### **Corporate Plan:**

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**Legal:**

The legal and constitutional issues are detailed in the report.

**Finance:**

This report has the following financial implications:

<b>Budget Area</b>	<b>Implication</b>
General Fund – Revenue Budget	Potential increase to bad debt provision currently £7k.
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

**Human Resources / Equality and Diversity:**

There are no human resource or equality and diversity issues identified in the report.

**Other Implications:**

None.

**Background Papers**

None.

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