

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Tintwistle Community Centre Public Works Loan

PURPOSE: To propose the plan for consultation on a Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) for financing the new Community Centre

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Tintwistle Parish Council (TPC) considers the proposal and makes any revisions prior to launching the consultation process

1. Background

At the Tintwistle Community Centre Committee meeting on 14 March 2023, it was agreed to pursue a Public Works Fund Loan application based on increasing the TPC precept. This recommendation was agreed by the full Council on 20 March 2023.

Cllrs Emily Scriven and Marianne Stevenson have drafted a set of proposals for this process.

2. Options for Council

- i. Approve the proposals of the above Councillors
- ii. Approve the proposals with amendments
- iii. Reject the proposals with the implication that the Committee draws up fresh proposals

3. Reasons for Recommendation

Following the government Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) guidance for Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) applications, the TPC must conduct a formal consultation with Band D taxpayers to seek their approval for the building of a new Community Centre and for increasing the precept to fund the new build.

1. The proposals (tabled) are based on other Councils' successful applications. They include:
 - the consultation survey questions (online and paper returns)
 - a letter which goes to Tintwistle Parish Council residents explaining the PWLB process and consequent survey
 - information for a newsletter describing the plans for the new build
 - TPC website information.
2. The information provided will necessitate calculating the precept increase required to pay back the loan over 15, 25 or 50 years at the current interest rate.
3. The TPC is also required to hold at least 2 public consultation meetings on the PWLB proposals.
4. The TPC will provide a report on the outcome of the consultation survey for which Survey Monkey is proposed as the survey tool.
5. It is proposed that a small, short term task group, including the Clerk, is formed to work on the calculations and presentation of the finance figures for this exercise.

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6. Pulling together all the information for submitting the business case for a PWLB application will require some additional hours of the Clerk's time for a period. The Committee is asked to address this issue.

4. Expected Benefits

The Parish of Tintwistle and Crowden will benefit in the following ways:

- The first step in applying for (PWLB) funds to build the Community Centre is successfully completed as part of the TPC Business Case
- Residents are effectively consulted on the TPC plans

5. Implications

5.1 Legal – Ensure best practice is followed in the application for and allocation of public funds

5.2 Risks – Ensure that the PWLB funding application is submitted according to DLUC government guidance

5.3 Financial – Ensure there is an appropriate audit trail for the application and computation of the precept and any funding that ensues

5.4 Timescales – May to July 2023

5.5 Stakeholders – Tintwistle and Crowden taxpayers and DALC

5.6 Contracts – N/A

5.7 Crime and Disorder- N/A

5.8 Biodiversity – Costings consider meeting biodiversity targets

5.9 Data Privacy Impact – N/A

5.10 Equality and Diversity – Costings consider meeting equality and diversity objectives for the new build

5.11 Climate Change – Costings of the build consider addressing the impact of Climate Change