

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Tintwistle Community Centre

PURPOSE: To seek confirmation of the process for a Public Works Loan (PWL) for financing the new Community Centre

RECOMMENDATION: That Tintwistle Parish Council (TPC) considers the proposals 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 was ratified by the TPC on 20 March 2023.

2. Options for Council

- i. Approve the proposals for the consultation process
- ii. Approve the proposals with amendments
- iii. Reject the proposals with the implication that the Committee draws up fresh proposals

3. Reasons for Recommendation

TPC has agreed to pursue a PWL for the purpose of financing the building of a new Community Centre. An application to the National Lottery was unsuccessful and we have been advised that the High Peak area has already been allocated its share of Lottery funding. 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 are based on other Councils' successful applications. They include:
 - the consultation survey questions (online and paper returns)
 - A special edition newsletter, to go out on 7 July, which goes to all Tintwistle Parish Council residents explaining the PWLB process and includes the 2 key questions on which residents can vote – by paper return, or online by 12 August
 - The newsletter will include a description of the plans for the new build
 - The newsletter will be promoted on local social media and the TPC website.
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 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. A short-term task group, including the Clerk, has been 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 Community Centre Committee recommends 3 additional hours per week until the end of August.
7. The outcomes of the survey and voting procedure will be published in the September/October TPC newsletter.
8. The PWBL application will be submitted, all going well, in December 2023 or earlier depending on DALC advice.

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 – July/August 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 include addressing the impact of Climate Change