

TINTWISTLE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: Tintwistle Community Centre

PURPOSE: To provide an update on recent information received regarding the plans for a new Tintwistle Community Centre

RECOMMENDATIONS: That Councillors consider the implications of the new information and provide a steer as to what action should be taken

Background

1. The Council has considered several funding routes for the finance of a new Community Centre. This has included a National Lottery grant, a Public Works Loan (PWL) and more recently a Community Ownership Fund (COF) grant. An Expression of Interest has been submitted for the CoF and been successful. Currently the applications and business cases are being compiled for both the PWL and COF.
2. At the last Parish Council meeting on 18 October Cllr Rob Baker briefed Councillors on the UK Prosperity Fund for which the Council is eligible to apply. On 16 November Cllr Dyer and Cllr Stevenson had a Zoom meeting with the High Peak Borough Council's (HPBC) advisor for the Prosperity Fund, Rob Smith. They learnt the following:
 - The total funding available for applicants is £45,000.00 with 20% match funding
 - Applications must be submitted by 31 March 2024
 - Successful applicants must spend the grant within a calendar year
 - Currently the fund is underspent
 - A funding application can be an element of the overall funding for the Community Centre
3. Cllr Rob Baker has enquired whether the requirements of the successful planning application still hold in respect of the ruling about complying with conservation standards. If this is no longer necessary then the Council could consider a modular building, which could significantly reduce the costs of a new build.

Options for Council

- a. Agree to take action following the receipt of the new information
- b. Postpone taking action
- c. Take no action and continue the current plans for the new Community Centre

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Reasons for Recommendation

Planning processes require Councillors to consider any new information that arises that enable Councillors to achieve best value and reduced overall costs.

Expected Benefits

Residents and taxpayers of Tintwistle and Crowden will be assured that the Council are considering all possible options for securing a new build that will meet the needs of the community and are best possible value for money.

Implications

- a. Legal – Ensure best practice is followed in the application for and allocation of public and other funds
- b. Risks – Best value is not achieved in future spending plans
- c. Financial – Ensure there is an appropriate audit trail for the application and computation of the costs for a new Community Centre
- d. Timescales – November 2023 – March 2024
- e. Stakeholders – Tintwistle and Crowden taxpayers and residents
- f. Contracts – N/A
- g. Crime and Disorder- N/A
- h. Biodiversity – Costings consider meeting biodiversity targets
- i. Data Privacy Impact – N/A
- j. Equality and Diversity – Costings consider meeting equality and diversity objectives for use of a new build
- k. Climate Change – Costings of the new building include addressing the impact of Climate Change