

**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO
REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS)
(MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 &
THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

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| <u>SUBJECT OF DECISION</u> Future use of Keresley Community Centre | |
| <u>DECISION REFERENCE</u> DO/102/2024 (TS) | <u>SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE</u> (i.e., Committee/ Constitution/Minute No. etc. Cabinet – 7 December 2022 |
| <u>DATE OF DECISION</u> 13 th March 2024 | <u>DECISION MAKER (Name and Job Title)</u>  Tom Shardlow – Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Customer and Corporate Services. |

RECORD OF THE DECISION

a) The issue

At Cabinet on 7 December 2022 delegated authority was delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Customer and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services to:

- Undertake further engagement with the top scoring 3 groups to seek clarification on their submitted business plans and to ensure the best offer for the community is sought.
- Notify any unsuccessful parties.
- Commence contractual/employment process to hand over the day to day running of Keresley Community Centre to the successful party.
- Make £55,000 capital funding available to support any improvement works required at the Centre.
- Prepare a lease agreement to hand over the Keresley Community Centre asset to the successful party commencing 1 April 2023.

Subsequent clarification from the top 3 scoring business plans has now been received.

This has been completed, and final scores evaluated by Finance, Communities Team and Legal, which are:

| | Final Score |
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| Sports Group 1 – general activities | 7 |
| Sports Group 2 – general activities | 5 |
| Sports Group 3 – Tae Kwon Do | 5 |

b) The Decision

For the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Customer and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services to exercise the delegation to:

- Inform Sports Group 1 (Empower-U) that they have been successful in their expression of interest and enter a lease agreement, Community Use Agreement and Capital Funding agreement, to transfer the management of the centre to them from April 2023.
- Notify Sports Group 2 and 3 that they have been unsuccessful.
- NB A clause in the lease agreement that safeguards the provision for football, and existing groups to be included.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To meet the savings proposed in the December 2021 Cabinet report / February 2022 Budget Council report.

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| <p><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION</u></p> <p>The council could elect to either retain the asset as a community centre, use it for alternative purposes or sell the asset on a commercial basis. These though may offer different financial returns for the Council are not politically palatable.</p> |
| <p><u>WARD RELEVANCE</u></p> <p>Exhall Ward</p> |
| <p><u>FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>As detailed in Cabinet report Future use of community centres – 7 September 2022</p> |
| <p><u>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS</u></p> <p>Decision has been made in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services. Scoring has been undertaken by representatives of the Council's Legal, Community and Finance Teams.</p> |
| <p><u>ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED</u></p> <p>None.</p> |
| <p><u>IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE</u> (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given).</p> <p>N/A</p> |
| <p><u>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS (including any Equality Impact Assessment)</u></p> <p>The groups that occupy the centre and some of the users of the centre may cater for or display characteristics protected under the Equalities Act 2010. The lease agreement is intended to safeguard the access of the centre for existing group users, with any new arrangements complimenting or building upon existing opportunities. Net positive impact.</p> |
| <p><u>HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>One officer to be placed at risk of redundancy.</p> |
| <p><u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>As detailed in Cabinet report Future use of community centres – 7 September 2022</p> |
| <p><u>HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>The community centre provides spaces for physical activity and rehabilitation. The group selected offers services on a sport and physical activity basis. This decision is likely net positive for the health and wellbeing of the local community.</p> |

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| <u>SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS</u> |
| A community centre can be considered to have a systemic positive impact on crime and ASB. |
| <u>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</u> |
| Lease will include appropriate clauses and conditions to safeguard the Council's asset and the community benefit. Due diligence has been undertaken by Council offers to ensure the validity and viability of the elected group. |
| <u>SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) & LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONS</u> |
| None. |
| <u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS</u> |
| None. |
| <u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u> |
| None identified but due diligence will be undertaken by legal colleagues upon transfer or action of a decision. |
| <u>ANY OTHER COMMENTS</u> |
| None |

PLEASE RETURN TO THE MONITORING OFFICER AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER