

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive made the following decisions at its meeting on 7 March 2023:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 23 February 2023: The Mill Arts & Events Centre (The Mill Hall) – Outcome of the Community Expression of Interest Process and Future Operating Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Upon recruitment of staff to operate the Mill Hall, notice to be served to Fusion Lifestyle (Fusion) to remove the Mill Arts & Events Centre from the existing leisure contract and to vary the contract accordingly and for the Council to undertake the operational management of the building thereafter.(2) Additional revenue budget of up to £248,950 to be added to the medium term financial strategy to ensure the building can remain operational whilst the longer term vision and sustainability of the Mill Arts & Events Centre is developed and presented to Members at a future meeting. Detail of the additional budget request can be found in Appendix 2.(3) Additional capital budget of up to £185,000 to fund required works at the Mill Arts & Events Centre, as identified within the building condition survey and capital improvement works for 2023/24, as set out in table 6 of Appendix 2. The future capital requirement works, as set out in table 5 within the appendix, will be reviewed within the future vision for the Mill Arts & Events Centre and proposed alongside the update.(4) Additional capital budget of up to £45,000 to fund required investment in furniture within the building for supporting events.

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- (5) That a budget is allocated of £25,000 to support the resources required to develop a full business case for approval on the future vision for the Mill Arts & Events Centre. This allocation of budget will look to focus on resident assessment needs, engaging with all stakeholders and undertaking meaningful market research to collate all data to formulate a proposed investment design and business case to demonstrate the investment required for the building to ensure it is financially sustainable for the future. Funds within this allocated budget will only be drawn down after consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economy & Climate, the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning & Assets, the Leader and the Interim Director of Resources.
- (6) That the objectives outlined in section 4 are the objectives that underpin any future business case for the Mill Arts & Events Centre.
- (7) That a report be taken back to Full Council to review the current performance of the Mill Arts & Events Centre and to scrutinise the proposals for the future of the Mill Arts & Events Centre following the engagement process and action plan outlined within the report with a full financial business case outlining the investment proposals and long term operating model. This element will address financial sustainability, as well as environmental ambitions for the asset.
- (8) That any future model for the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre is clear and be brought to Full Council for discussion.
- (9) That a cross party Working Group is set up to support the process.
- (10) That during the process external funding options are investigated either by RDC or a partner for the works needed. **(DAI)**

Item**Decision****UK Shared Prosperity
Fund: 2023/24 Allocation**

- (1) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director and Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economy and Climate, to operate a grant programme to distribute up to 70% of the Council's 2023/24 UKSPF allocation, in line with the principles set out in this report.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director and Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economy and Climate, to utilise the remaining proportion of the Council's 2023/24 UKSPF allocation to directly commission eligible projects, in line with the principles set out in this report.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director and Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economy and Climate, to make minor changes to the principles set out in this report where necessary to enable the most beneficial use of the funding to ensure compliance with Government requirements. **(SD/DP)**

The above decisions will come into force and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of this notice, unless called in by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Signed : 
for Interim Director of People & Governance

Dated 10 March 2023

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