

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	4382
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<b>Subject:</b>	Sneinton Hermitage Community Facility transition
<b>Total Value:</b>	£40,000 (Type: Capital and Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To redesign and reconfigure the toilets and kitchen within the former Sneinton Library, to be funded by releasing £20,000 from the Improvements to Community Facilities previously held as part of the Wollaton Park Community Centre Roof project to this project as the roof has been completed. The remainder £20,000 to be met from the capital receipt of the sale of the Methodist church building currently the Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre. The short term finance to be met from existing Revenue Budgets held by the Voluntary Sector Sustainability Service for repairs and maintenance to Community Centres.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	<p>This decision will enable the transfer of community activities and services being delivered by the Sneinton Hermitage Community Association and TRACS from their current buildings to the library. This would then leave the current Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre building vacant and surplus to requirement (this is subject to a separate delegated decision which is currently in progress) and TRACS building at 60 Sneinton Hollows to be released back into the Property Trading Account (already approved in delegated decision 4263).</p> <p>It will also enable the two organisations to move service delivery to the new facility releasing the two current buildings which both have extensive building repair liability, surplus to requirements. The Sneinton Hermitage Centre is an ex Methodist church and the TRACS building is formerly a shop and residential house.</p>
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	To do nothing. The current buildings would continue to deteriorate leaving the Association and TRACS with unsafe and inappropriate environments in which to deliver community activity and services.

**Background Papers:**

None

**Published Works:**

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**Affected Wards:**

Dales

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

None

**Consultations:**

**Date: 02/11/2020**

**Ward Councillors: Gul Khan, David Mellen, Neghat Khan**

An external zoom meeting on the 2nd of November at 6.15pm, ward Cllrs in the Dales ward ( Cllr Khan, Mellen & Khan) to engage the local community in a consultation meeting around changes to provision and services provided by the NCC communities team. Design options shared with participants.

**Date: 16/12/2020**

**Other: The Sneinton Hermitage Community Association and community group**

Following the zoom meeting a series of site visits were arranged.

16/12/2020 Members of the Association were offered the chance to view the library building (following COVID 19 protocols)

18/12/2020 The karate Group visited the Beaumont Street Community Centre - successful match

11/01/2021 TRACS were offered the opportunity to visit the library

13/01/2021 The Association and TRACS started the consultation and agreed in principal to the move to the building and to start working together on governance and future proposals of merging.

The 2 bodies are receiving community development support with how this could happen and looking at governance models moving forward. Regular zoom meeting are taking place with Officers and the two organisations.

**Date: 14/07/2021**

**Chief Finance Officer: Clive Heaphy**

Approved at Capital Board with no further reporting action required.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

The joining of the two organisations and the transition into one building would enable the community a one stop facility to access community information and services. The only activity that needs to be accommodated is the karate club which would move to the Beaumont Street Community Centre.

Consideration would be needed to secure the current buildings if vacant for a long period.

**Equality:**

EIA not required. Reasons: The proposals within the report would not impact on current provision.

**Relates to Council Property Assets:**

Yes

**Relates to Building Services:**

Yes

**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

01/10/2021

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance, Property, Building Services

**Legal Advice:**

Provided that all appropriate consultations have taken place and any relevant permissions obtained, and the Council officers leading this project are satisfied with the outcomes of such consultations and have all appropriate permissions in place, the proposals would not appear to raise any significant legal issues of concern. Any disposal of property would be subject to normal property legal due diligence and the agreement of commercial terms, as well as the drafting, agreement and completion of formal legal documentation between the relevant parties. Advice provided by Mick Suggett (Team leader: Conveyancing) on 04/05/2021.

**Finance Advice:**

Advice provided by Susan Turner (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 25/05/2021.

Advice documents: Sneinton Hermitage Community Facility Transition - Finance Comments FINAL v2.docx

**Property Advice:**

In carrying out work to the former Sneinton Library, this will enable the release of two properties, TRACS in the Property Trading account at 60 Sneinton Hollows, Sneinton and Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre in Sneinton. These will form part of the ARP with the method of disposal to maximise value left to the Head of Property. Advice provided by Christine Read (Property Business Partner) on 12/05/2021.

**Building Services Advice:**

**Building Services support the proposals to the former Sneinton library enabling the transfer of community activities and services being delivered by the Sneinton Hermitage Community Association and TRACS, therefore vacating current premises for release. Building Services will design, manage and procure the alterations, whilst complying with all statute including H&S and Public Procurement Regulations. Advice provided by Ashleigh Warhurst (Design Services Manager) on 23/03/2021.**

**Signatures**

<b>Neghat Khan (PH Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 31/08/2021</b>
<b>David Murray (Interim Corporate Director for Resident Services)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 27/08/2021</b>