
Communities

Community Centre's

Subsidy removal

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Objective

- ➔ Implement the council's decision as part of the 2024 MTFP savings to remove subsidies £600,000c for Community Centre's by April 2025.

Key Actions

- ➔ Develop options paper for consideration
- ➔ Map out Community assets - current provision vs future needs vs reduced budget (including wider community assets)
- ➔ Establish a Cllr working group to understand the impact and risk mitigation (of above).
- ➔ Clarify engagement with associations on new lease proposals. *(full repair and insure with commercial terms)*
- ➔ Conduct a service/ staffing review.

Current Offer

Community Centres provide a wide range of activities and space for hire across the city that include support, mentoring, participation, advice, referral, social, educational and recreational.

The local Neighbourhood Centres that are managed by Community Associations offer volunteers the chance to be part of a democratic management and volunteering opportunities.

The sites are also often used for local council surgeries and polling stations and as emergency venues e.g. evacuation sites and more recently as Covid Testing and vaccination sites.

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Current Offer

36 Buildings are managed by the team.

➔ Directly Managed (NCC)

➔ CA Lease

➔ Transition

➔ Historical / Held Over

➔ VCS Leased

➔ Void

Aspley (ACTC)	Bells Lane	Bakersfield	Beechdale	Beaumont Street	Highbury Vale
Denton Green Training Centre	Birchpark	Bulwell Healthy Living	Bestwood Estates	Bestwood Park	The Farmhouse*
New Basford	Bluebell Hill	Greenway	Denton Green Nursery	Highbank	Mapperley
Snapewood (temporary arrangement)	Clifton	Leen Valley	Edwards Lane	Hyson Green	The Wells Land*
	Crabtree	Six Ways	Heathfield	Top Valley	
	Dunkirk & Old Lenton	Silverdale	Old Basford		
	Queens Walk	The Vale	Sheila Russell		
	Rise Park	Wollaton Park			
	Sherwood				

- Achieved Waste & Water budget savings- 28k saving pa
- Achieved Grants savings -26k saving pa
- Initial officer consideration of the future for the 36 buildings, including social value impact.

Rational for Proposed Approach

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Options Paper

- ➔ Enables alignment with Councillors' choices (working group). *Current work stream with Cabinet lead member to map out Community Assets including other community assets beyond the 36 buildings.*
- ➔ Centre's get adequate time to deliberate lease options.
- ➔ Reallocate buildings where lease offer declined and explore if other community groups are interested in taking it on.
- ➔ Declare surplus and dispose of buildings if lease proposals are not agreed to achieve capital receipt.

- Inability to shape the community offer for the city –legal status.
- Risk of buildings remaining empty –delay in disposal.
- Potential ASB in vacant buildings.
- Resistance due to impact on existing services.
- Budget removal and ongoing management costs.

Indicative Timescales

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- ➔ Mapping out current & Future provision **Aug/Sept 2024**
- ➔ Options paper **Sept/Nov 2024**
- ➔ Engagement with members on the impact and risks **Oct 2024**
- ➔ Initiate Heads of terms lease consultations **Nov - Jan2024**
- ➔ Revise the EIA to understand additional consultation requirements –e.g. displaced groups **Oct - Dec 2024**
- ➔ Transfer assets to the Property Portfolio. **Jan - March 2024**
- ➔ Consult with staff on potential redeployment or redundancy options **Jan 2024**
- ➔ Aim to Cease subsidies by **April 2025**.

This project has been flagged as high risk and may result in slippage to the timelines highlighted above.