

## Appendix 1

Meeting:	Grants Panel
Date:	8 March 2006
Subject:	Review of Community Premises
Responsible Officer:	Director of Financial and Business Strategy
Contact Officer:	Community premises review support officer
Portfolio Holder:	Communications, Partnership and Human Resources
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part I

### **Section 1: Summary**

#### **Decision Required**

To consider and comment on the reports from the Community Premises review group.

#### **Reason for report**

To make the Grants Panel aware of the outcome of the review.

#### **Benefits**

To allow the Grants Panel to consider the detailed findings from the review.

## **Cost of Proposals**

No direct costs at this stage.

## **Risks**

There is a risk that the recommendations from the review will not be taken forward.

## **Implications if recommendations rejected**

If the Grants Panel does not consider the findings the review will not have been worthwhile.

## **Section 2: Report**

### **2.1 Brief History**

During 2005 the Grants Panel established a sub group to carry out a review of community premises. An officer was appointed in August to provide support to the members throughout the project.

The officer presented a series of reports to the sub group between September and February setting out her findings, and presented her final report to the group on 27 February. This report is attached at Appendix 2.

Cllr Asante also produced a report on the review which she presented to the sub group on 15 February and finalised after the meeting on 27 February. At the meeting on 27 February the sub group members voted to put Cllr Asante's report forward to the Grants Panel for consideration. This report is to follow.

However, as there was not a consensus they also agreed to put forward the officer's report.

### **2.3 Consultation**

Consultation has been a major feature of this review and details are given in the attached reports.

### **2.4 Financial Implications**

There are a number of recommendations included in the two reports – however any costs associated with implementation have not been quantified at this stage.

## 2.5 Legal Implications

Provision of the Community Premises is done so under powers granted in the Local Government Act 2000 (Section 2). This power allows local authorities to do anything which in this instance will achieve, promote or improve the social well being of the area. In addition Section 19 (2) of the Local Government Act 1976, allows the local authority to make facilities available for voluntary organisations and can charge as it thinks fit.

Given that the premises are owned by the Council it is lawful, as a landlord, to decide to levy a rent.

## 2.6 Equalities Impact

Relevant issues are set out in the attached reports.

## 2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

None

## **Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents**

Background Documents: None.

[Note: Appendix 1 is to follow]