Portfolio Decision

Notification of Decision Taken
Under delegated arrangement

Epping Forest District Council

Portfolio: Housing Portfolio Holder

Decision Reference: HSG-005-2018/19

Subject: LEASE - COMMUNITY HALL PREMISES, OAKWOOD HILL ESTATE, LOUGHTON

Decision Taken:

(1) That the decision of the Oakwood Senior Citizens Club not to enter into any further lease arrangements between themselves and the Council at the Community Hall Premises, Oakwood Hill Estate, Loughton be noted;

(2) That the Council enters into a new lease at the Community Hall Premises, Oakwood Hill Estate, Loughton with the Restore Community Church for a period of five years from 1 October 2018 on similar terms to the former lease referred to in Recommendation (1) above;

(3) That the additional clauses set out at Paragraph 8 in the report be included in the new lease requiring the Restore Community Church to meet with certain requirements;

(4) That the checking and verification of the suitability of any external organisation using the hall be the responsibility of the Restore Community Church;

(5) That the Council assists the Restore Community Church (in the same way as it has with the Oakwood Hill Senior Club since 2012) by:

   (a) Meeting half of the cost of the fuel bills, up to a maximum contribution of £1,250 per annum, for the Community Hall Premises Oakwood Hill Estate, Loughton;

   (b) Charging a nominal rent of £132 per annum thereby making an exception to the best consideration under Circular 06/03 of The Local Government Act 1972 in recognition of the services being provided to the local community; and

(6) That the Director of Communities be granted delegated authority in the future to renew or vary the lease on the Community Hall Premises, Oakwood Hill Estate, Loughton between the Council and the Restore Community Church on similar terms.

Call-in deadline: 16 July 2018

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