



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
DATE:	10 FEBRUARY 2011
REPORT OF THE:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR (s151) PAUL CRESSWELL
TITLE OF REPORT:	RELOCATION OF MALTON SCOUTS
WARDS AFFECTED:	MALTON DIRECTLY, ALL INDIRECTLY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report considers financial support to aid the relocation of the Malton Scout group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council is recommended to support the relocation proposals for Malton Scouts with a contribution of up to £40k from unallocated capital resources.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This report considers the relocation of the Malton Scout Group in light of the expiry of their lease on 31 March 2011 and the Council decision to sell Wentworth Street Car Park (WSCP) in November 2010. This support demonstrates the Council's commitment to the Scouts and facilitates a development at Malton School for the benefits of the scouts, the school and the wider community. This early support will assist in attracting other grant funding.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 The significant risk is that the project fails to attract outside grant funding to make the project viable. This is mitigated through the support offered which should assist in attracting the required external support.

REPORT

5.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 The Malton Scouts are currently located on the Wentworth Street Car Park (WSCP) site under a lease. This lease expires on the 31 March 2011.

5.2 Council's decision to sell WSCP on the 17 November 2010 means that alternative accommodation will be needed to accommodate the existing tenants including Malton Scouts.

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

6.1 The recommendations are in line with existing policy.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Both Malton School and Malton Scouts have been involved in the discussions around relocation.

8.0 REPORT DETAILS

8.1 Prior to and subsequent to the Council decision to sell WSCP, the Council has been in discussions with the Malton Scout Group to find suitable alternative accommodation.

8.2 Early in this process Malton School were involved to investigate the possibility of relocating the Scouts to some part of the school site, either through a new building or conversion of existing premises. A proposal has been developed and initially costed to convert an existing on site small underused gym.

8.3 The conversion will split the room and provide the scouts with a dedicated space, storage, use of school toilets as well as use of the school grounds. An agreement between the school and scouts would set out the terms of occupancy and resolve the logistics around weekend use etc.

8.4 The conversion would provide the school with a performing/staged space. Within this space retractable seating (for up to 150) would be provided. Aside from enabling the schools curriculum to be expanded it would provide a bookable space for local events out of school hours. Discussions have also included the Council having use of this space for a small number of evenings per year as part of any financial contribution.

8.5 In evaluating the costs the school has engaged a funding expert to identify any grants/charitable trusts who would assist in the project. Such applications are assisted by committed support from partner organisations.

8.6 The total cost of the conversion work including retractable seating and necessary alterations to the scout space to provide an office etc. are likely to be £150k - £160k.

8.7 The current estimates are that the School, Scouts and external grant may be able to deliver three quarters of this and the Council is requested to consider a contribution of up to £40k.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The following implications have been identified:

a) Financial

The proposed contribution can be met from existing unallocated capital resources.

b) Legal

This funding would be accompanied by formal legal agreement.

- c) Other
There are no other implications arising from this decision.

Paul Cresswell
Corporate Director (s151)

Author: Paul Cresswell, Corporate Director (s151)
Telephone No: 01653 600666 ext: 214
E-Mail Address: paul.cresswell@ryedale.gov.uk

Background Papers:
None.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:
n/a