

Report of the Chief Executive

STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE1. Purpose of report

To outline the situation and update on the current work towards creating a 'fit for purpose' community centre in Stapleford.

2. Background

The current lease for Cliff Hill Community Centre expires on 31 October 2018 (but with a minimum six months' notice required) and alternative options are being explored to sell the site as the lease is not being extended. This is due to the building having limited functionality, being of poor construction and uncertain longevity. Other existing community facilities in Stapleford at Ilkeston Road/Washington Drive are also underutilised and not fit for purpose in modern society.

3: Options

Whilst no overall decision has been taken, various options are currently being explored in order to ensure both suitable community facilities are provided in Stapleford and existing Council assets can be fully utilised. This may include selling and redeveloping existing sites, in part or in full, and building a new community building either on these sites, or elsewhere. Early estimates indicate that this could all be achieved whilst leaving significant surplus funds to reinvest or put into the capital programme.

As more progress is made on this area of work, the relevant committees will be updated accordingly.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to NOTE the contents of the report.