

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Tuesday 16 July 2024 by the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee.

### Item No

#### 8. UPDATE ON THE ROSE GARDEN CAFE

8.1 To provide an update on the progress made by the Rose Garden Café Partnership on the following recommendations approved by the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee on 18 October 2023:

1. The proposal for Sheffield City Council, in partnership with stakeholders, to develop a strategy for the restoration of the Rose Garden Café building (options 2A and 2B), pausing work on a replacement building approach (design options 3 and 4) and a limited works approach (design options 1 and 5).
2. That the Rose Garden Café Partnership, once established, creates an action plan to develop the strategy for restoration, which will include defining the following:
  - A framework for a proportionate public consultation on the Rose Garden Café.
  - Establish funding sources to meet the structural remediation and building refurbishment works.
  - Agree a strategy for public communication

and then proceeding to carry out the agreed consultation and implement the agreed public communication strategy in order to inform the strategy for restoration that will be brought back to the Committee in due course.

This is the third progress report provided since October 2023 committee approval and provides an update on progress made from 16 February 2024 to 5 July 2024.

8.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee:

1. notes the progress made towards the actions agreed in the October 2023 report;
2. agrees to receive a further report in September 2024 on progress towards the recommendations agreed in the October 2023 report; and
3. notes that further updates and decisions will be taken to the appropriate Committee as required.

### 8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 To ensure Members are informed of the progress made by the Rose Garden Café Partnership.

### 8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 This report was produced to provide an update on progress made towards the recommendations made in the Rose Garden Café (18 October 2023) report. The only alternative option would have been to not produce an update report in July and wait for the next committee meeting, which was discounted by Officers.

## 9. **MARKETING EXERCISE FOR THE PAVILION AND LODGE AT THE EAST ENTRANCE TO ENDCLIFFE PARK, SHEFFIELD**

9.1 This report:

1. Seeks the approval of the Charity Trustee Sub Committee acting as Charity Trustee of Endcliffe Park (Registered Charity Number 1112149) (“the Charity”) to undertake a marketing exercise to identify potential interest in the Endcliffe Park Lodge (“the Property”) as a commercial food and beverage offer.
2. Asks committee to note that any proposals relating to Endcliffe Park Lodge will be brought back to the Charity Trustee Sub Committee for consideration and approval.

9.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee approves the undertaking of a marketing exercise as detailed in the report.

### 9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

9.3.1 The proposal to transform this Grade 2 listed building in a green flag park:

- would bring a special, historic and important facility back into use;
- could bring much needed investment to the Lodge to reduce the risk of it falling into a worse state of repair;
- enhance the facilities for recreation and leisure offered by Endcliffe Park;
- could contribute to charity park income;
- could reduce the charity’s liabilities by passing on maintenance and repair responsibilities to the tenant; and
- could provide local business and job opportunities thereby improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of Sheffield and the surrounding area.

### 9.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

9.4.1 There is an option to do nothing which would risk the Lodge falling into disrepair. Doing nothing would not further the Charity’s objectives and an opportunity to

enhance and improve the facilities at Endcliffe Park would be missed.

**10. LEASE OF CRICKET GROUND AND PAVILION, GRAVES PARK (CHARLES ASHMORE), SHEFFIELD**

10.1 The Chair proposed that the report, Lease of Cricket Ground and Pavilion, Graves Park (Charles Ashmore), Sheffield, be deferred to a later meeting.

10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee agrees to defer the report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee to allow for discussions to take place with the Friends of Graves Park and the Allama Iqbal Cricket Club.

**11. CHARITY TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE TO CHARITY COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 The Charity Trustee Sub Committee is asked to consider the contents of this report, alongside the letter from the Charity Commission dated 27th June 2024 regarding Graves Park. The Charity Trustee Sub-Committee is asked to approve the draft response to the Charity Commission which is set out in the appendix.

11.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee:-

1. notes the contents of the report;
2. approves the draft letter annexed to this report subject to the revisions requested by the Sub-Committee in the meeting;
3. notes that officers will send a letter (by email) in the form approved by the Charity Trustee Sub-Committee to the Charity Commission, within 3 working days of the decision;
4. requests that a report be prepared and presented to the Sub-Committee in November 2024 which explores alternative sites for the operational plant and equipment (not restricted to existing Parks); and
5. requests that a situation report on the other charitable parks, with regard to implementing the charitable interests lawfully, be prepared and presented to the meeting of the Sub-Committee in November 2024.

**11.3 Reasons for Decision**

11.3.1 Responding to the Charity Commission maintains the ongoing relationship with the Charity Commission which is essential to ensure that whatever plans the Trustee settles on for the various matters in Graves Park and the wider charitable interests are implemented lawfully.

11.3.2 To maintain good governance, it is important for the Graves Park Charity Trustees to approve any significant correspondence with the CC.

**11.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

- 11.4.1 Do nothing. This could lead to the outcome set out at paragraph 4.3.1 of the report and also cause reputational damage to the Council.