

CABINET – 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PETER MOULT TO COUNCILLOR R BAYLISS

The option of community ownership would deliver most of the aspirational 'vision' included within the original consultancy report .

As a forward thinking council, This would be a great step forward in the provision of infrastructure for the use of the whole area, in particular the vulnerable groups in our society who do not engage with the current mainstream sports and activities on offer.

As the option of Community ownership will deliver most of that vision, why is it not being considered?

REPOSENSE FROM COUNCILLOR R BAYLISS TO PARISH COUNCILLOR PETER MOULT

The vision document sets out plans for whole of the Hermitage Recreation Grounds.

The decision before Cabinet tonight relates only to that part of the Hermitage Recreation Grounds upon which Hermitage Leisure Centre sits and which Community Services have stated is no longer required by that service.

There is another Council Department which has a need for the land upon which the Hermitage Leisure Centre Buildings sit and it is in accordance with council policy to make the land available to that Department for the delivery of alternative services, where those services are a priority for the Council.

Subject to Cabinet consideration of the Vision document at a later date, it is intended that Hermitage Recreation Ground (excluding the Hermitage Leisure Centre land) will remain with Community Services for the delivery of the Vision. It is perfectly reasonable to believe that community involvement in the operation of facilities on the area of Hermitage Recreation Grounds retained with Community Services is possible and can be explored further as the vision is developed into detailed proposals.