

APPENDIX THREE

The following areas are still under consideration and provide an update to Members for progress so far. Cabinet are recommended to note the progress to date with a full recommendation being submitted in February.

1. Tourist Information Centre	
Comments	Management Comments
Think that the Tourist Information Centre is excellent and would be a major loss	We agree and we do not want to cease any services that we currently provide but we do not have the resources to continue funding all that we do. We are keen to explore every option in advance which is why we have put out a list of services we are looking for either partners or external funding to support before we consider the issue of cessation of service.
Requests have been received from the National Forest Company and Leicestershire Promotions to discuss this proposal further	Officers will be arranging to meet these valued partners for discussions regarding this proposal in order to feedback comments to Cabinet early in 2014.

2. Community Events	
Comments	Management Comments
Although Leisure Services do an excellent job but I think in the current climate community events should not be run by the Council e.g. Picnic in the Park	We agree and we do not want to cease any services that we currently provide but we do not have the resources to continue funding all that we do. We are keen to explore every option in advance which is why we have put out a list of services we are looking for either partners or external funding to support before we consider the issue of cessation of service.

3 Community leisure schemes (Ibstock & Castle Donington)

Comments	Management Comments
<p>Comments received from Ibstock Community College expressing deep concerns at the possibility that North West Leicestershire District Council may withdraw funding from the Ibstock community leisure scheme. Are urging the District Council to consider very carefully the wide range of negative consequences that any significant reduction of support for the Ibstock leisure scheme would cause. Are also particularly concerned at the potential impact on the vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our community, including the elderly, those with mental health issues, and the physically handicapped. Ibstock Community College have proposed a way forward which is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Although it will be very difficult to achieve, we are prepared to make efficiency savings of £3,000 per annum in our running of the Leisure Complex with effect from April 2014; this will therefore lead to an equivalent reduction in our need for a direct subsidy from the District Council. 2. To reduce your management costs, we are willing to manage the District Council community Leisure Manager and Senior Community Leisure Manager on your behalf for no charge; we shall do this fully in accordance with your procedures and policies, and will be accountable to the District Council for this in the same way that your officers are currently. 3. I would be very happy to serve on a group such as a District Council working party to help address the budget issues by identifying potential reductions in costs and increases in income across North West Leicestershire. 4. We would be very happy to meet at any stage with you and/or any NWLDC councillors or officers to discuss how we can move forward together. 	<p>We thank Ibstock Community College for their helpful response as we fully appreciate the scale of reduction will have an impact on the service provided, we assure the college that this is not something that we wish to be proposing but the scale of financial challenge is such that difficult decisions and choices are having to be made. In direct response to the proposals we accept the £3,000 reduction in NWLDC contribution for 14/15 and we would also like to accept the offer of the principal's contribution to a working party to look at how we can achieve the District Councils stated future position for this service area. We note your willingness to accept line management responsibility for the two posts but this will not help achieve or contribute to our cost savings at this point and would in fact reduce any potential flexibility with these posts in the future but thank you for the offer. We will arrange a meeting in due course.</p>

4 CCTV

Comments	Management Comments
<p>Concerned that the CCTV service will be cut or axed completely. Has been an integral part in policing of the local area and has helped detect shoplifters, robberies, serious assaults, public order, theft from motor vehicles, drink drivers, and road traffic accidents, have also assisted in locating high risk missing persons. If the CCTV is cut, there will be an increase in crime in both Ashby and Coalville, and a reduction in detections.</p> <p>With regards to the changes to the CCTV further consultations are required as there are obligations within the lease of the control room for CCTV surveillance to be undertaken.</p> <p>Some CCTV is necessary, but perhaps it has been overdone and some money could be saved in this area.</p>	Awaiting comments from David Hughes

5 Ashby Toilets

Comments	Management Comments
<p>I think most of the proposals are reasonable except that I should very much not want to see public toilet provision removed in Ashby (and if Ashby, why not Coalville) - I am sure I am not alone in finding myself in urgent need of a WC from time to time. Could alternative provision be made e.g. through willing shops.</p>	<p>We are in discussions with Ashby Town Council regarding the future provision of toilets in Ashby and also looking at what other provision exists, all options will be considered before any decisions are made and your comments regarding Coalville have been noted</p>