

Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee – 31st July 2013

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Ernest Stevens Trust – Wollescote Hall – Grant a Lease/Licence

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the request for a lease/licence of a room to WRVS Good Neighbours at Wollescote Hall, Stevens Park, Stourbridge.

Background

2. Wollescote Hall is part of the Ernest Stevens Trust and Dudley Borough Council are the Trustees. The function of Trustee has been delegated to the Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee in the Council's constitution.
3. WRVS have been in occupation of a room on the First Floor of Wollescote Hall for a number of years with no formal lease/licence in existence.
4. WRVS wish to formally regularise their occupation of this room for the purpose of providing a Good Neighbours Scheme to Older People within the Dudley Borough.

Finance

5. There are no financial implications to the Trustees

Law

6. The Council is the registered Trustee of the charity and in accordance with the Council's Constitution has delegated the administration of the charity to this Management Committee.
7. Section 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to accept, hold and administer gifts of property, where it enables them to discharge any of their functions and where the gifts are for the purposes of benefiting the inhabitants of their area.
8. The Law relating to Trusts which are charitable is contained in various legislations. The key legislation being the Charities Acts 1960, 1992, 1993 and the Trustees Investment Act 1961.

Equality Impact

9. The proposal takes into account the Council's equal opportunities policies.

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that the consent of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee be formally recorded to grant a lease/licence of a room to WRVS Good Neighbours at Wollescote Hall, Stevens Park, Stourbridge on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Corporate Resources.



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