

**Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

**Report of the Director of Corporate Resources**

**Ernest Stevens Trust – Mary Stevens Hospice – Consent for Building Works**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the request for building works for a two-storey annexe extension on the North East facing elevations to the Mary Stevens Hospice, and internal refurbishment.

**Background**

2. Mary Stevens Hospice 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 by the Council's constitution.
3. The lease to Mary Stevens Hospice at paragraph 2(12) requires the tenant not to at any time during the continuance of the term hereby granted, erect or permit to be erected any additional buildings without the consent in writing of the Council and in the event of such permission being given permission from any planning authority should be gained.
4. The Hospice has recently been awarded a capital grant of £500,000 from the Department of Health to fund an extension and internal refurbishment and requires the consent of the Council, as Trustees, for the redevelopment to go ahead.
5. Planning Permission has been granted for the proposed works under P13/0654.

The works proposed are as follows:

- Extend within the roof space to accommodate a new community nursing service.
- Convert a multiple occupancy patient ward into three single rooms.
- Development of a Sacred Space to better meet the needs of the black and minority ethnic community.
- Refurbishment of the Inpatient Unit reception to improve security, access and patient privacy.

6. The proposal aim to significantly improve the services for the community and widen access to reach under-represented members of society.

### **Finance**

7. There are no financial implications to the Trustees

### **Law**

8. The Council is the registered Trustee of the charity and in accordance with the Councils Constitution has delegated the administration of the charity to this Management Committee.
9. 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.
10. 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**

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

### **Recommendation**

12. It is recommended that the consent of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee be formally recorded to allow the extension and internal refurbishment to the Mary Stevens Hospice on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Corporate Resources.



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### **List of Background Papers:**

- Drawings of the proposed works.