

Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee – 24th October 2017

Report of the Strategic Director Place

Mary Stevens Centre – Request to Grant a further room to Mary Stevens Hospice

Purpose

1. To consider the request to grant Mary Stevens Hospice temporary occupation of Room G41 at Mary Stevens Centre for the duration of the refurbishment and extension works by way of a lease.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the consent of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee be formally recorded to approve the lease of an additional room, G41, at Mary Stevens Hospice for the duration of their existing lease on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Strategic Director of Place.

Background

3. Mary Stevens Centre 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.
4. Consent was granted by the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee at its meeting on 13th February, 2017, for a lease of temporary accommodation by the Mary Stevens Hospice at the Centre for the duration of the refurbishment and extension works. A lease was granted in March 2017 for 2 years.
5. Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen occupied part of the ground floor of the Mary Stevens Centre before its closure on the 1st September.
6. The Hospice has requested the additional room, G41 as shown edged blue on the plan attached, formerly occupied by Age Concern on the same terms as their existing lease.

Finance

7. There are no financial implications to the Trustees. There will be a slight increase in the running costs contribution made to the Council.

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, 2011 and the Trustees Investment Act 1961.

Equality Impact

11. This report takes into account the Council's equal opportunities policies.

Human Resources/Transformation

12. There are no Human Resources/Transformation implications.



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List of Background Papers:

- Plan of Ground Floor Rooms