

NEWFIELDS PAVILION

Recommendations:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That committee instruct the Town Clerk to complete an Asset of Community Value registration form to secure the property's immediate future. 2. That officers support elected members in the area to consult widely on the future of the pavilion, with a view to it continuing to be a community asset. 		
	Yes	No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?		No
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code)	N/A	
What procurement level is required?	N/A	
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?		No
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)	N/A	
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).		No
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County Cllr Seymour visited the office on Monday 27 February 2023 and amongst other matters broached the issue of the pending demolition of the former Newfields pavilion / changing rooms. 2. Northumberland County Council (NCC) have decided to demolish the pavilion after their lessees, Spittal Rovers, gave up the lease. 3. Cllr Seymour suggested that the Town Council might wish to take on the lease for the Pavilion. 4. Discussions with NCC appear to suggest that the pavilion will require large sums of money for repairs - the figure of £12,500 was suggested, but not evidenced. 5. External inspection suggests the pavilion is in sound external order with the exception of the roof, which has lost its covering of felt. Internal inspection has not been possible. 6. The issue of the lack of community space in the Newfields area has previously been flagged up by elected members. Council has no budget set aside for this purpose, and has not previously discussed this matter, so officers cannot recommend an approach to NCC to secure the premises on a lease. 7. However, officers are similarly perplexed by the haste with which NCC appears to wish to clear the site, and the lack of any effort to put together an alternative use proposal. 		
Issues arising from proposal.		
None.		
Rationale for recommendation.		
Not applicable.		