

## **Appendix B: Progress update on Community Centre Asset Transfer**

### **Eagle's Nest Community Centre**

Arnold Hill Community Centre was transferred to Eagles Nest Community Action in July 2017 on a 99 year lease. Under the name of Eagle's Nest Community Centre it remains fully operational and it's offer ranges from private tuition for children, yoga, baby and toddler group, Slimming World, over 60s Friendship Club, community computer skills sessions and youth theatre. The charity has reported good progress with the on-going management of this asset transferred centre. The centre has had a full refurbishment since Eagle's Nest have taken over.

#### ***Asset Transfer Completed***

### **Pond Hills Lane Community Centre**

A new charity Calverton Road Arts and Community Centre has been established and new trustees appointed. Pond Hills Lane Community Centre borders Calverton Road hence the reference to that in the name of the new charity. The Gedling Borough Arts Association remains in existence and still has a lease to manage bookings for the Arts Side of the building.

Representatives from the new charity have attended all the Community Asset Transfer Partnership workshops and Locality has been funded to run a visioning workshop specifically for the new group using externally secured funding. The charity met with Community Relations officers in December 2018 and is keen to explore asset transfer options working alongside other users of the building.

Flying High Expressive Arts has been supported to establish the community centre as its base and to obtain charitable status. It is now the major user of the site and has a key role as a user in the future sustainability of the building.

***Estimated date for formal asset transfer application: March 2020***

### **Haywood Road Community Centre**

A representative from Haywood Road Community Association (HRCA) has attended all but one of the Community Asset Transfer workshops offered and recent feedback from a committee member is that this networking opportunity has proved to be really useful. Committee members have agreed a proposed programme of works to be paid for out of the £20,000 budget allocated for priority works by the Council in advance of asset transfer. Works will include toilet refurbishment, new internal access to external changing rooms and external maintenance work. It is planned for these works to be completed by the end of March 2019.

HRCA are close to gaining charitable status; this is anticipated in the New Year. Good progress has also been made with their business plan which will soon be

ready for formal submission to the Council in line with the Community Asset Transfer Policy. A special meeting of the Association is planned for 14 January 2019 at which the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation and Business Plan will be agreed.

***Estimated date for formal asset transfer application: January – March 2019***

### **Burton Road Community Centre**

On-going discussions between Community Relations officers and Phoenix Boxing Club representatives have identified that the Boxing Club is reluctant to take on more responsibility for the centre. The Club currently has a licence to use the main hall as a Boxing Gym; the small community room is available for hire. Full operational responsibility currently sits with the Council and this includes caretaking, community room hire, maintenance and business rates.

Early in the 2019 officers will continue to discuss with the Club how to support their on-going developmental needs and also to agree the most sustainable solution for the building that allows the Boxing Club to continue to operate their valuable community offer at this site. This is likely to be in the form of a new licence agreement with the Boxing Club and a plan to reduce the remaining subsidy at that site.

***Estimated date for new licence agreement: April 2019***  
***Explore alternative options to reduce costs at this site.***

### **Wollaton Avenue Community Centre**

Gedling Play Forum is a registered charity that currently occupies this building on a full repairing lease, which is due to expire in July 2019. The Forum has been a key community partner in the asset transfer programme and is keen to obtain a longer term lease to enable it to access a broader range of funding opportunities.

Gedling Play Forum's manager has regularly attended Community Asset Transfer Partnership workshops. For 2018/19 a new Service Level Agreement has been agreed between the Forum and the Council. This is to finance the charity's support of the Council's community events programme and other community support activities.

Locality has supported the Play Forum in the development of a draft business plan. This was funded out the external Community Ownership and Management of Assets funding. A submission for a longer-term lease, in accordance with the Community Asset Transfer, has not yet been submitted by the Forum. In support, the Service Manager Community Relations has met with trustees to discuss the draft business plan and support is available from the Community Relations Service Area to offer on-going advice regarding business plan development.

***Estimated date for new asset transfer application: April 2019***

**Killisick Community Centre**

There is currently a lease in place with Nottinghamshire County Council for the centre's use as a Children's Centre during weekday daytime hours and one Saturday per month. The rest of the hours are available to hire and managed by the Borough Council, including every Tuesday morning when local older persons group, the Autumn Club, meet.

Officers at Nottinghamshire County Council have recently met with the Service Managers' for Property and Community Relations to discuss a possible rent reduction due to changes in the Children's Centre commissioned service. These discussions remain on-going.

***To explore options to reduce costs at this site.***

**Brickyard Community Centre**

There are currently no interested parties in this centre. At present officers have been focusing efforts on the other sites where there is active interest. Community Relations are considering a marketing plan for this site to increase its income potential in the interim.

***Explore alternative options to reduce costs at this site.***

**Westdale Lane Community Centre**

This centre is leased to the Council from Westdale Lane Baptist Church. Any future asset transfer process would involve ending the lease and responsibility moving to either Westdale Lane Baptist Church or a new leaseholder being identified. There has been no approach to the Council about community asset transfer of this building.

There has been limited liaison with the Church to date from officers, as other centres are prioritised. The Centre remains a popular and well used centre within our portfolio.

***Explore alternative options to reduce costs at this site.***