

# **SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Broadgreen Working Party**

**Full Council – 14 May 2019**

## **1. Introduction**

The Broadgreen Working Party met on 03 April 2019 and this report contains the recommendations of the meeting.

## **2. Report Details**

- 2.1** The Parish Council has resolved to take on a ninety nine year lease of the entire Broadgreen site.
- 2.2** Swindon Borough Council have advised that they currently run programmes from the Children's Workforce Development Centre that cannot be facilitated elsewhere if the Parish take a lease of the entire building.
- 2.3** The Borough Council have stated that a ninety nine year lease for the site would be available if the Parish Council agrees to facilitate the existing parent classes held at the centre for a possible two years initially.
- 2.4** The Parish Council would gain control of the entire site including the car park, increased office space for the administration staff and additional hireable rooms to generate income.

If the space proposed to be used by the Baby Steps group was hired according to the usual booking procedure the annual income generated would be £13,942.08

- 2.5** The Community Centre Manager has stated that the above can be facilitated within the current hiring's at the Parish Council's discretion and the groups would be moved into rooms that are used the least within the Parish Council's current availability at the centre.
- 2.6** Parties at the Centre are becoming increasingly costly due to cleaning up and the amount of food waste being generated, and the council being charged for the disposal thereof. The Community Centre Manager proposes a new pricing band to be introduced of £25 per hour instead of the normal hall hire rates of £22.66 (general) and £19.26 (discounted). The existing rates will still be used for all other bookings. The new rate is half the cost of other Parish Council hire rates within Swindon.

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1** That the Parish Council resolves to lease the Broadgreen site including the play area, community centre building and car park for ninety nine years subject to accommodating the existing bookings for an initial agreement of two years.
- 3.2** That the new price band as detailed in 2.6 is approved.