

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE CABINET BOARD
LEISURE AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26th June 2018

REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSFORMATION
ANDREW THOMAS

MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: Baglan

Proposed lease of the Basement at Baglan library to Action for Children

Purpose of the Report

To ask Members to agree terms for the grant of a lease to Action for Children for the Basement section of Baglan Library, Laurel Avenue, Baglan.

Executive Summary

The Authority hold title to the land and building comprising Baglan library, Laurel Avenue, Baglan.

In 2010, Baglan Youth Forum obtained a Heritage Lottery grant to refurbish the basement unit of the library building from which a youth club operated until September 2017.

Action for Children, a charity providing support for parents, vulnerable children and their families were previously based at Briton Ferry, but are now seeking premises for lease in the Port Talbot area and have expressed an interest in leasing the basement section of Baglan library from which they propose to operate a support service to families in Neath Port Talbot.

Background

The basement of Baglan library previous housed the Library services book store until 2010, when following a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery fund, Baglan Youth Forum was able to refurbish the basement area and operate a youth club up until September 2017, when support funding ceased.

The basement area is in very good condition and although in the same building operates independently of the library.

Action for Children, a charity which provides support to vulnerable children and their families are currently looking for new premises in the Port Talbot area and have identified the basement at Baglan library as a suitable venue from which to operate their support service to children and families throughout the county borough.

Financial Impact

Action for Children will contribute towards the operating costs of the building and any income will be used to supplement the operating costs of the library service at Baglan.

Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce implications

Legal Impacts

The Annual Report.

Risk Management

Due to reductions in the library service budget, any additional income will assist the authority in maintaining a statutory library service.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

Members are requested to approve the grant of the lease to Action for Children of the basement of Baglan library, on the terms set out in this report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

The lease will allow the premises to continue to be used for the benefit of the community.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1:

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List of Background Papers

None

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