



Leicester
City Council

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BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS**

CABINET

30 OCTOBER 2006

BRAUNSTONE HALL

Report of the Corporate Director of Resources

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the Council's reference back and recommendation in relation to the Cabinet's decision to market Braunstone Hall.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Members will recall that the Cabinet meeting of 5 September 2006 agreed the recommendation "to authorise the Corporate Director of Resources to not agree an extension of the agreement for lease of the Hall to Braunstone Community Association, and to subsequently market Braunstone Hall for disposal by way of a long lease on terms to be determined in consultation with the Cabinet Lead member for Resources and Corporate Issues". The original reports are appended to this report for information.
- 2.2 Subsequent to that meeting an objection was received and referred to the Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee on the 14 September 2006 which resolved "that given the desire of the Braunstone Community Association to find a sustainable future for Braunstone Hall and the implausibility of a market sale solution, the Committee calls on Cabinet to focus on working with the BCA towards the solution of this issue with an extension of the BCA's lease of the hall and that this could be alongside further exploration of potential market solutions for the future of the Hall".
- 2.3 The Council meeting on 28 September 2006 resolved "that the decision taken by the Cabinet at their meeting on 5 September 2006 in respect of Braunstone Hall, not to agree an extension of the agreement to lease to Braunstone Community Association and to market Braunstone Hall, be referred back to Cabinet with a recommendation that Cabinet agree a process of joint working

between the City Council and Braunstone Community Association on the future marketing of Braunstone Hall”.

- 2.4 It will be extremely helpful for the BCA to be fully involved in the process of marketing and in seeking sources of funding to help bring the Hall back into an appropriate use. A start as soon as possible with formal marketing is still strongly recommended as all potential options need to be explored to secure the best use before the property deteriorates much further. Seeking funding can be started in parallel.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Cabinet is recommended that the decision to market the Hall be confirmed, but with the full involvement of the Braunstone Community Association, the process for which involvement being developed with the BCA and confirmed by the Corporate Director of Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Resources.

4. Financial and legal Implications

- 4.1 All financial and legal imprecations remain as reported previously.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	
Appeared in Forward Plan	No*
Executive or Council Decision	Cabinet