

## West Sussex County Council

### Proposed Executive Decision for **10 November 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 21 November 2022**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Endorsement Community Asset Transfer Lease: former Bognor Regis Find It Out Centre FP14 22/23
<b>Cabinet Member responsible for decision</b>	Cabinet Member for Finance and Property (Councillor Jeremy Hunt)
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	Bognor Regis East
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>The County Council's <a href="#">Asset Management Strategy</a> supports the principle of the transfer of community assets in order to empower and strengthen local communities. The Council believes that transferring appropriate public assets to communities leads to more responsive services that better meet local people's priorities. The following vacant property has been identified as suitable for Community Asset Transfer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bognor Regis Find It Out Centre, Church Path, Glamis Street, Bognor Regis, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 1DB</li></ul> <p>This has been declared surplus to operational requirements following the redesign of the Council's Early Help Centres (<a href="#">CAB02 21/222</a>).</p> <p>Constituted community groups, charitable organisations, voluntary groups and Town and Parish Councils working in partnership with local community groups have been invited to apply for transfer of these properties. The Council is looking to work with suitable organisations that are able to demonstrate, through a selection process, the ability to take on, manage and maintain these assets through a Full Repairing and Insuring Lease, with terms to be agreed, subject to contract. Providing a suitable proposal comes forward, a preferred lessee will be chosen.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member for Finance and Property has approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the County Council grants a lease of the former Bognor Find It Out Centre and annexe to the 39 Club, subject to agreement and final terms for 25 years at nil rent per annum; and that</li><li>2. Authority is delegated to the Director of Property and Assets in conjunction with the Director of Law and Assurance to negotiate, agree and conclude the terms of the lease.</li></ol>

<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None
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<b>Background papers</b>	See report for details