

**Full Council**

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**Title:** Community Youth Centre Working Group – Feasibility Report

**Date:** 5 October 2021

**Contact Officer:** Cassie Pinnells, Acting Town Clerk

**Purpose of Report**

1. To receive the feasibility report from the Community Youth Centre Working Group as approved by Full Council on 27 April 2021.
2. To consider and approve a location for the Community Youth Centre in Thame.

**Background**

3. Following the Full Council meeting on the 27 April 2021, and in partnership with the Community Youth Centre Working Group and Thame Town Council, a feasibility study was commissioned for the Community Youth Centre to be positioned at Southern Road Recreation Ground, Thame or within the Town Centre.
4. The feasibility report is attached under appendix A. With the Study Objectives to –
  - a. To provide an independent study on the feasibility of Southern Road Recreation Ground (SRRG) as a suitable location for the centre.
  - b. To review all other potential sites within the Town Centre and demonstrate their strengths and weaknesses when compared to SRRG.
5. Deliverables for the study were to provide selection of a site that provides easy access and is on mainstream thoroughfares within the town centre.
6. The site must provide space to enable a building of sufficient size to support the needs of young people and community groups.

**Resource Appraisal**

7. The feasibility study expenditure of £5,000 was authorised by Full Council and has been funded by general reserves.

**Risk Assessment**

8. The feasibility study is the first step towards moving forward to tender for a design team to develop a pre-application for consultation to share with the Town Council, the community and key stakeholders.

**Legal Powers:**

- General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, ss 1-8
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

**Recommendation**

***It is recommended:***

- i) To **receive** the feasibility report from the Community Youth Centre Working Group, as approved by Full Council on 27 April 2021.*
- ii) To **approve** a location for the Community Youth Centre in Thame.*