

## URGENCY DECISION(S)

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### Key Decision

Urgent Action Ref. No.	Date:	Action Taken By:
61	7.6.17	The Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Resources

### Action Taken

Urgent works to the Hersham Centre for the Community and Hersham Village Hall

### Reason for Urgency

Following extensive investigations by external specialists in respect of the building fabric and the mechanical and electrical aspects of both buildings, it was evident that both buildings were 'time expired' in respect of heating, electrics, gas, water and ventilation along with the fire integrity of the building. Both buildings were intrinsically linked on these aspects and to undertake a complete overhaul to ensure compliance of both buildings would cost in the region of £750,000.

Given the significant costs required, officers undertook further surveys and had been in extensive discussion with specialists and the solution was to put in the relevant infrastructure for the Centre for the Community to enable it to remain functional over the next 2-3 years whilst a solution was worked on for the entire site. However, the Hersham Village Hall would need to be shut and the hirers accommodated elsewhere. This would result in a termination payment to be made to Places for People.

The Centre would be closed for 8 weeks to enable the following works to be completed:

- Install new heating system and controls
- Replace air handling unit
- Resolve kitchen extraction and gas interlock
- Install new kitchen air supply
- Install new fire alarm panel
- New Fire Damper
- Remove cold water storage tanks and put on mains water
- New Roof mounted extract fan replacement
- New electric distribution board

The work above was of a specialist nature and involved EBC Surveyors working with the utility companies.

The works would be completed over the summer period and would be programmed to ensure minimum disruption to the Centre.

This action was taken by the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Resources, C.R. Sadler in consultation with the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, T.G. Oliver.

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Leader of the Council