

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Review of Governance at Mount Edgcumbe Park

Committee: Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee

Date: 6 November 2015

Cabinet Member: Councillor Smith (Plymouth City Council)
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Ref: MEP/general

Key Decision: No

Part: Part I

Purpose of the report:

At the July 2015 Joint Committee meeting, Members requested an update report on the present situation regarding governance on the Park.

The Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan 2013/14 -2016/17:

Pioneering Plymouth – seeking new and better ways of delivering services.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land:

None.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

None at this stage.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

The Joint Committee notes the report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

All options.

Published work / information:

Charity Commissioners guides on options for setting up and running a charity.

Background papers:

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number							
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Part of the 2013 Mount Edgcumbe officer working groups report	Yes									

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Originating SMT Member Nicola Moyle													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes / No													

- I.0 In 2012-2013, a Mount Edgcumbe officer working group explored the option of developing a Trust to manage the Park. In particular it looked at how an independent trust set up by Torbay Borough Council had developed to be able to take on and operate all the open space assets owned by the Council. A discussion document was produced that set out some of the issues and considerations that would need to be taken into account, and it is reproduced as Appendix A.
- I.1 Since that time, the priority for officers has been to identify and develop projects designed to generate income into the revenue budget with a view to meeting a target of zero support from Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council by 2018-19.
- I.2 In 2014 an external advisor was brought in to look at and implement options for the park to improve its current income streams and introduce new one, using the capital receipts from the sale of Picklecombe Cottage to fund the improvements needed to drive these income streams.
- I.3 The revenue budget monitoring report highlights the improved levels of income to date, and officers are currently developing detailed business cases for both Plymouth City and Cornwall Councils' capital investment boards that set out capital investment proposals designed to increase levels of earned income.