

Draft Scoping Document

Name of Review/Project:

Swadlincote Town Hall

Terms of reference:

To examine the opportunities for increasing business and facilities at the Town Hall.

To examine the potential for change of use (e.g. retail, arts) and the attendant financial implications.

To explore the links between the hall and the revamped Delph.

Please provide details of relevant Corporate Plan Themes and Priorities:

Sustainable growth and opportunity

Lifestyle choices

Value for Money

Key Issues and Aim(s) of the Review

Issues

Type and volume of current usage

Limited nature of facilities

Maximising income

Identifying community need

Identifying maintenance issues

Aims

Explore alternative uses and any requirement for a new central community facility

Agree Vision/function for site including Delph

Increase usage

Reduce costs

Why should the review take place now?

After 150 years in existence need to check the building's function and purpose meets current community and council requirements.

Pressure on Council resources means it is timely to review existing usage,

income and costs are offering value for money and meeting Council objectives.

The facility is adjacent to the Delph where recent improvements have been made with a view to increased usage.

There have been recent changes to Swadlincote Market and new market initiatives on development.

Potential outcome/s

Vision for future use
Improved revenue position

What will not be included: N/A

Risks:

The loss of an historic central community facility
Increased revenue costs

Members undertaking the Review (if a sub-group is to be used):

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Possible co-options:

None requested

Which policy committee(s) does it relate to?

Housing and Community Services
Finance and Management

Key stakeholders/ consultees:

Public opinion and views
Cultural partnership
Centre users
Swadlincote Chamber of Commerce
Market traders

Potential contributors and research required:

The Chief Executive
Feedback forms from known bookings
Feedback and findings from a public and/or user survey

Potential visits:

Are there any Budgetary Implications?

None at this point of time

Officer support required:

Mark Alflat
Stuart Batchelor

Period for Review:

Start date: Wednesday, 21st March 2012

Approximate meeting dates:

Proposed completion date:

Report date(s) to committees:

Publicity (e.g. of recommendations)

Date Scoping Document Completed: April 4th 2012