

Questions for Agenda Item 10

1. If the council will reduce its liabilities, how will the Trust generate sufficient revenue? Will the council still contribute as there will be a need for finance to carry out the technical, administrative and management functions that the reformed trust will have to carry out?

Response

The impact of these scenarios would need to be fully understood following officer investigation of the proposal that has been submitted. This will allow the Council officers to assess the financial impact on the Council and the Alice Park Trust and report back to the Charitable Trust Board.

2. Will there be any advice independent of council officers to inform the existing and proposed Trust Boards on the proposals laid out in appendix A?

Response

The Charitable Trust Board (CTB) is a committee of the council and will be advised by Council officers in the usual way. It is entirely a matter for the CTB whether to recommend to Council whether or not its sole corporate trust status should be relinquished. The CTB may wish to consult the Alice Park Trust (APT) Sub-Committee, once formed, but if it does so the APT sub-committee will not be independently advised.

Comments on Appendix A

- 1. The Trust Bequest requires between 5 and 7 councillors. In proposing 6 Trustees (5 of which are councillors the balance towards the council is too strong; 7 Trustees with at least two of which are independent might be more in the community interest.**
- 2. If the Friends of Alice Park is to be truly inclusive users of the park who may not be able to afford the standard fee will need to be accommodated.**
- 3. The provision of services is only one element of servicing Alice Park, The management of events issues of child protection, health and safety, oversight of commercial activities and events management will need to be addressed, particularly as the council have actively withdrawn from providing some of these services.**
- 4. There is no mention of the above activities as being potential revenue streams.**
- 5. Although Alice Park is a public body, the public disclosure of commercial information is not fair on both lessors and lessees and could be used by alternative providers to the detriment of existing lessees.**