

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

RUBICON SHAREHOLDERS COMMITTEE

3rd AUGUST 2020

FORGE MILL MUSEUM

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mike Rouse
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering- Director of Finance and Resources
Ward(s) Affected	N/A
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To request that Forge Mill Museum remains closed due to the financial and operational impact of delivering social distancing measures.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That due to the operational and financial constraints of re-opening the Museum in July the Shareholder Committee agree as a variation to the Service Specification, that from July 2020 and up until the 30th November the Museum remains closed and re-opens on the 1st February 2021 subject to Government Advice on the re-opening of Museums. The Committee further resolve that the legal changes to the operating contract are delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services and the Executive Director of Finance and Resources to implement.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The report attached from Rubicon Leisure details the difficulties in reopening of the Forge Mill Museum due to the financial and operational impact of achieving social distancing measures.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 As can be seen from the report attached the financial implications of remaining closed would result in a saving of £25k compared to the facility opening. Therefore this would demonstrate better value for money for the company and the Council.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Keeping the Forge Mill Museum closed is a shareholder decision as this sits outside of the current Business Plan. It is proposed that , should members agree, the contractual changes are delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services and the Executive Director of Finance and Resources.

6. Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.1 Officers will develop a clear plan of communication to customers of the rationale of the continued temporary closure of the museum.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 Rubicon maintains risk registers in relation to both service delivery and Health and Safety compliance. This is reported to the Board of Directors at each meeting.

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