



The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the latest developments in the project to restore the West Cliffs Shelter.

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**No. DETAILS**

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**1) BACKGROUND**

- a) Both the Isle of Wight Council and the Town Council had considered the condition of the Shelter but the need to remove its roof as a dangerous structure had put the costs of restoration beyond the resources of both.
- b) An email from the Isle of Wight Council's Commercial Services Manager of 5 May re-opened the possibility of retaining the structure with a proposal that the Isle of Wight Council would seek to source funding for the replacement of the roof if the Town Council would agree to taking on its ongoing maintenance.
- c) A further exchange of emails has clarified the preference for the maintenance responsibility to be based on an agreed lease for the building.
- d) Minute 49/17 of the Town Council meeting for 22 May recorded the decision that:  
*the Town Council welcomes the proposal from the Isle of Wight Council and asks its Assets and Services Group to progress the discussions to the point of a draft lease for a future meeting of the Town Council.*

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**2) DEVELOPMENTS**

- a) An email dated 20 June from Trish Stillman stated that *Unfortunately funds are no longer available to undertake the roof replacement works. We cannot therefore proceed as previously suggested.*
- b) In response to a request for information on the costs Trish Stillman provided the details of the two quotations for the work that had been received in the amounts of £6,294 (Mounjoy) and £8,612 (W H Brading).
- c) At its meeting of 20 June, the Assets & Services Working Group agreed to refer the matter back to this meeting of the Town Council.

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**3) RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to consider its response to the developments identified in this Report.

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