

## Report No.2

### Report to Policy & Resources Committee 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014

#### Urgent expenditure on the Old School Room

##### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek consent from the Policy and Resources Committee to use the funding set aside for the Old School Room in the next financial year for the purpose of urgently required work

##### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Town Council agreed that the Old School Room would be used as a Community Hub for Malmesbury.
- 2.2 Greensquare Housing Association agreed to undertake some work of improvement and enhancement to the room in exchange for a favourable rate when used as an area office.
- 2.3 The original list of work to be undertaken included improvement to the electrical circuit but the extent of the work required has been found to be greater and therefore more expensive than originally envisaged.

##### 3. Proposals

- 3.1 Greensquare Housing Association has requested that the Town Council contribute half of the cost of undertaking the improvement to the electrical circuit in the Old School Room.
- 3.2 In view of the scope of the work, the need to ensure the improvements were completed by the date scheduled for the opening of the Community Hub and the fact that contractors were on site the Town Clerk has agreed that up to £450 would be contributed.

##### 4. Financial Implications and risks

- 4.1 The Council has agreed to set aside funds for the Old School Room and the figure suggested could be accommodated from these funds
- 4.2 If the decision had not been taken at the time the contractors were on site it would have resulted in delays to the project.

##### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Committee is recommended to approve the action taken by the Town Clerk.