

Report No. 2

Report to Policy and Resources Committee April 2015

Safe Places – classification of the Town Hall.

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To advise the committee to submit the Town Hall for consideration as a “Safe Place”

2. Background

- 2.1 “Safe Places” is a national scheme encouraging various organisations to provide initial support to anyone who becomes upset, confused or vulnerable when out and about in their community.
- 2.2 A “Safe Place” is identified by the presence of a sticker displayed prominently in the window which identifies the location as somewhere those in need may go to seek assistance.
- 2.3 The scheme has been piloted within Wiltshire in Salisbury and Devizes and has received funding from the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner to roll out across Wiltshire.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 The Town Hall is a prominent building within the Town and one where staff are on hand when the building is open to render assistance to those in need and has been suggested that it would be ideal as a “Safe Place” for Malmesbury.

4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner funding will provide the toolkit, stickers and leaflets.
- 4.2 It is not anticipated that classification as a “Safe Place” will place a substantial and additional workload on the staff.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are recommended to consider submitting the Malmesbury Town Hall as a suitable venue to be regarded as a “Safe Place” to the benefit of the community.

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31st March 2015.