

Staff Recommendation

This was presented to council at the meeting on Thursday 27th May 2021 and was only a recommendation.

We believe that although there was a majority for not keeping the Town Hall, the best and first option the Parish Council should consider is to ask the members of public who have expressed an interest in forming a Community Group to take responsibility/ownership of the Town Hall with a lease/contract with WPC.

This option would suit both the members of public who voted no and yes to keeping the Town Hall and shows that the council did not have a pre-determined answer to this consultation.

The council could rent the current office, the Chambers and part of the storeroom for around £10,000 a year (this would need to be discussed and agreed with the Council and the Community Group).

There would also be an option to reserve a one-off starting figure for the Community Group of £10,000 from Parish Council funds.

Other options can be reviewed if a Community Group cannot be formed.