



The purpose of this paper is to ask Members for an agreement in principle, subject to contract, to take on responsibility for the management of an area of the Eastern Esplanade.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Isle of Wight Council has suggested that as the Town Council now has responsibility for both the Paddling Pool under a 125 year lease and the Eastern Esplanade Toilets currently under a Tenancy at Will and soon to move to Freehold Transfer, it takes on a lease for the whole area around them.
 - b) The proposed area is shown on the map attached to this Report.
 - c) If there is agreement in principle to the proposal the Isle of Wight Council will prepare draft documentation for the Town Council's consideration.
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2) ASSESSMENT

- a) The proposal was discussed by the Public Buildings Working Group at its meeting of 21 September.
 - b) On the grounds that the proposal fits with the Town Council's strategy of maximising control over local assets and may open up the possibility for further-tourist related development of the area its conclusion was to recommend that the Town Council agree to the proposal in principle.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to agree in principle to taking on responsibility for the area outlined on the attached map and ask the Isle of Wight Council to prepare the related draft documentation.



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