



WINTER GARDENS CONTENTS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

12 MARCH 2012

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of progress with the disposal of items left in the Winter Gardens following the ending of the Management Agreement on 31 January 2011.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) As Members are aware, it was requested by the Isle of Wight Council that all the items of equipment be left in place to be available for the new owner on completion of the bidding process. An inventory of those items was completed as at 31 January 2012.
 - b) The ownership of the equipment is far from clear. The 1994 Management Agreement contained lengthy schedules of items present at handover of management from the then South Wight Borough Council to Ventnor Town Council together with a statement that the listed items, and replacements of them, remained in the Council's ownership which then passed to the Isle of Wight Council on amalgamation in 1995.
 - c) Following the submission of the Hambrough Group's planning application, it was agreed with the Isle of Wight Council that the Town Clerks would proceed with the disposal of items by sale wherever possible after first giving the Hambrough an opportunity to purchase items that would be of continuing use to them.
 - d) Further discussion about the distribution of funds realised by the sale would then take place between the two Councils.
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2) PROGRESS TO DATE

- a) An open sale was held at the Winter Gardens on Saturday 25 February and other sales have been completed on an ad hoc basis.
 - b) The total received to date from items sold is £3,738, including £1,900 from the Hambrough Group.
 - c) The 2011/12 budget estimate was for a total of £5,000.
 - d) The Hospice has now been invited take any of the remaining items into its stores for their future use.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

That, subject to agreement with the Isle of Wight Council, items remaining at 16 March 2012 be cleared from the building.
