

16. WESTRIGG OLD MAN'S HUT

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Cultural Services advising that the Westrigg Old Man's Hut was surplus to requirements and to seek approval to proceed to demolition as soon as possible.

The report advised that the West Lothian Asset Management Group in consultation with Property Services had reviewed the council's property portfolio, as there were several buildings, pavilions and small-hutted units that were in an extremely poor condition.

A condition survey was carried out on the Westrigg Old Man's Hit and this had indicated that it would cost in the region of £50,000 to carry out a refurbishment programme. Since this time the building has been severely vandalised and had been boarded up as it was unfit for use.

The group of elderly people who had been using the facility had since been offered and accepted free accommodation at the Craig Inn Centre, for which the council had agreed to transport the group free of charge until the end of March 2009.

It was further noted that whilst LEADER funding may have been available to develop the facility, the extent of the vandalism, the costs involved in making the facility accessible and the extremely limited usage did not represent good value for money.

The Local Area Committee had been consulted on the proposals and had agreed with the recommendation contained within the report.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approve that the Westrigg Old Man's Hut was declared surplus to requirements and was demolished as soon as possible.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report