

Committee: Resources

Date: 10 January 2023

Title: Ilminster Community Website

Purpose of Report

Members to consider a request for an Ilminster Community Website

Recommendation:

Members to note the report

Report:

1. A proposal has been submitted to officers along with the request for it to be considered by the Town Council for a new Town Community Website This proposal has been appended to this report as Appendix 14A.
2. Members will be aware that there are already a number of websites offering to inform visitors and residents what is happening in Ilminster. They will need to consider carefully whether there is merit in supporting one site over another or what the benefits are that will come from such an action.
3. There is currently no funding allocated in the budget to support a venture such as the one being proposed. Any financial support would be required to be sourced from the Grants process and there is not sufficient funds in this to cover the amount that is being indicated at present.
4. It may be that by providing seed capital to help initiate the project that further funding can be obtained to set up the site however there will also then need to be an understanding provided on how the long term funding will be obtained in order to sustain the website in the future.
5. Members to resolve to recommend to Full Council to support the project pending further detailed information on how the sustainability of the website would be maintained and funded in the future.

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