

Place and Resources Overview Committee – 12 September 2024

Agenda item 5 – Public Participation

Question received

Question from Carole Chedgy – Vice Chair Allendale Community Centre

I am a Trustee and Vice Chair of the Allendale Community Centre, a registered charity, in Wimborne, Dorset. We have a lease of the Allendale Centre from Dorset Council from 2nd April 2020 to 1st April 2035.

Essential repairs (including a leaking roof) which are due to be carried out by Dorset Council under the lease and agreements have been planned since 2020. There is a report of 139 pages by Crickmay Stark Architects of December 2022 commissioned by DC setting out the work to be done, plus many other subsequent reports and plans and surveys. Two planned dates for the work to be done in 2023 and 2024 have been cancelled by DC.

In August an officer told us the work had been “pulled” as the Centre is part of a regeneration and development zone.

We have read the report and plan at item 7 on the agenda. This refers to a 3 year plan.

Our question is has the work been “pulled” because of this document, and whether or not this is the case, will DC immediately carry out the vital and necessary work planned 4 years ago so that it complies with the lease and agreements made?