

Eden District Council
Council

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Review of the Heart of Cumbria Ltd

Portfolio:	Resources
Report from:	Interim Director of Corporate Services
Wards:	All Wards
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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report considers the Executive's recommendation to close the Heart of Cumbria Ltd and bring the assets and the functions in to the Council.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the Executive recommendation to close the Company and bring the assets in to the Council.
- 2.2 To resolve that the Heart of Cumbria Limited be dissolved and the assets and functions be brought into the Council.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Executive, in January 2020, approved a review of Heart of Cumbria Ltd to consider its governance with a view to simplifying and maximising the level of return.
- 3.2 The review has been completed and reported to the Budget Planning Committee on 14 January 2021 and Executive on the 19 January 2021.

4 Report Details

- 4.1 The Budget Planning Committee and Executive considered the review of the Heart of Cumbria Ltd and the report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The Executive recommendation requires the Council to consider the closure of the Company and to bring the assets and function in to the Council.
- 4.3 If the decision is taken to close the company the Council will require external legal support to assist in dissolving the company. This is expected to cost in the region of £10k, which will be met from existing budgets.

5 Policy Framework

- 5.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Sustainable;
 - Healthy, Safe and Secure;
 - Connected; and

- Creative.

6 Consultation

- 6.1 This matter has been considered by both the Budget Planning Committee and the Executive resulting in the recommendations contained within the report.

7 Implications

7.1 Financial and Resources

- 7.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2019-2023, as agreed at Council on 7 November 2019.
- 7.1.2 The nature of the report means that Financial and Resources implications are dealt with throughout the body of the report and Appendix.

7.2 Legal

- 7.2.1 The legal implications are set out within the report and Appendix.

7.3 Human Resources

- 7.3.1 There may be resource implications in relation to Legal Services who will be involved in the legal administrative process of transferring assets and contracts.

7.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	There are no implications
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	There are no implications
Crime and Disorder	There are no implications
Children and Safeguarding	There are no implications

7.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
The nature of the report means that the risks are specified throughout the Appendix.	The nature of the report means that the consequences are specified throughout the Appendix.	The nature of the report means that the controls required are specified throughout the Appendix.

8 Other Options Considered

- 8.1 No other options have been considered.

9 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

9.1 To ensure the most appropriate governance and operation for the assets and function managed by the Heart of Cumbria Ltd.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Executive Report – Review of Heart of Cumbria Ltd

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