

Agenda item 6

For decision: Temporary uses of Garsdale site

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Summary

This report seeks approval for some storage containers to be sited at FTC's Garsdale site to support FTC and Fair Frome operations on a temporary basis. It also seeks authority to submit a planning application for temporary planning consent and the completion of a tenancy at will with Fair Frome.

Proposals

Fair Frome already has two storage containers on the FTC owned site at Garsdale. These are used to support Fair Frome's food bank operation. Fair Frome now wishes to expand its operation to include the recycling of furniture and proposes to site two further containers on the site. There is also a requirement to site two containers and a green skip on the site to support the operations of the FTC Environment Team; these will be funded using an existing budget.

See [Appendix 1](#) for a drawing showing the proposals. Some photos of the site will also be shown at the meeting.

Planning consent will be necessary to support these uses and it is proposed that a 3-year consent is sought. This will enable Fair Frome to get their furniture recycling project off the ground but it is thought that the period will be short enough so as not to prejudice any future regeneration of the wider Saxonvale site. In any case, a tenancy at will that enables a break at short notice will be put in place as a further safeguard. A peppercorn rent is recommended as a way of supporting Fair Frome's project.

With reference to ethical decision making, this project will support Fair Frome, a local organisation that is concerned with the wellbeing of local people. The furniture recycling project will also help to reduce waste. FTC's green skip will help to recycle green waste.

Recommendations

1. A planning application is submitted to enable the siting of 6 storage containers and a green skip at FTC's Garsdale site for a period of up to 3 years
2. The EDRM be authorised to conclude a tenancy at will with Fair Frome once planning consent has been secured
3. Fair Frome's tenancy is subject to a peppercorn rent