

**NOTE TO THE ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ERRORS IDENTIFIED TO FIGURES IN THE SNIBSTON REPORT**

1. Members will be aware that in their proposals the Friends of Snibston have indicated that they intend to charge the County Council a rent of £50,000pa for use of certain buildings on the Snibston site. The effect of this needs to be reflected in the figures quoted in paragraphs 20, 38 and 92 of the report. For ease of reference these paragraphs are reprinted below with the changes being shown as 'track changes'.

20. The FOS propose to transfer operational activities to an independent trust on the basis that the County Council continues to pay for the premises costs (circa £265,000 per annum) and provide a subsidy for the first two years of £263,000 (2015/16) and £350,000 (2016/17). The total steady state cost of this to the County Council equates to circa £315,000 per annum. As indicated elsewhere within this report, the FOS proposal cannot be considered financially viable.

38. The financial appraisal of the status quo and the FOS proposal over a 25 year lifecycle period suggests that the FOS offer could save the County Council a total of £9.7m. However, such a potential saving cannot be regarded as realistic given the concerns raised with the financial viability of the FOS business case at paragraph 54 below.

92. The following conclusions are put forward:-
 - (a) As of mid-January 2015 there is no financially viable business plan in regard to the possible operation of Snibston by an organisation independent of the County Council. The key deficiencies in the FOS business case are:-
 - The business case does not reflect the costs that would remain with the County Council relating to the landlord responsibilities (£315,000) and potential match funding for capital bids.

2. The other change relates to Paragraph 58. The figure quoted for the annual expenditure for the Black Country Museum should read £4.3million and not £34.2million.