

**CABINET – 15 JULY 2025****FUTURE OF BEAUMANOR HALL AND PARK****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to note the historic and current performance of Beaumanor, as well as the likely future performance of the site.
2. A supplementary report is currently being prepared and will be circulated to members and published on the County Council's website as soon as it is available.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Cabinet notes this report and considers the recommendations set out in the supplementary report.

(Key Decision)

Reasons for Recommendation

4. Beaumanor was reviewed by the previous Scrutiny Commission at its meeting in March 2025. At this meeting, the Commission asked for Beaumanor to be formally considered by the Cabinet at a future meeting.
5. Beaumanor has always required a financial subsidy from the County Council. If nothing changes, the long term outlook for the site does not suggest that this position will materially change.
6. The supplementary report will set out further details on the current and future performance of Beaumanor Hall and the Cabinet's acknowledgement of the comments of the previous Scrutiny Commission.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

7. The supplementary report will set out the timetable for decisions.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

8. With the continued financial pressure on the Council, the requirement to raise additional revenue has been specifically included in the County Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the past few years.
9. A Scrutiny Review Panel commenced a Review of Traded Services in June 2014, the findings of which were reported to the Cabinet on 19 November 2014. The then Cabinet accepted the recommendations of the Panel and asked the Chief Executive to ensure that they were acted upon. These included further development of the Council's Traded Services, consolidation of the portfolio, and establishing a dedicated marketing resource.
10. The Strategy was subsequently approved by the Cabinet on 6 July 2018 which further resolved that an Annual Report on performance against the Commercial Strategy be submitted to the Cabinet and the Scrutiny Commission each June.
11. Updates on the Strategy have been submitted to the Scrutiny Commission annually.
12. The Council's Strategic Plan (2022-26), sets out a long-term vision for Leicestershire and specific aims for the Council. The proposals in the supplementary report would need to be considered against delivery of the 'Improved Opportunities' outcome in the Strategic Plan (2022-26), specifically "Every child has access to good quality education".

Resource Implications

13. The supplementary report will set out the resource implications.
14. The Director of Law and Governance has been consulted on this report.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

15. None.

Equality Implications

16. There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Human Rights Implications

17. There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Background Papers

Scrutiny Commission – 4 September 2024 – Annual Report on the Traded Services Strategy

<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=137&MIId=7445&Ver=4>

Scrutiny Commission – 10 March 2024 – Leicestershire Traded Services Update
<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=137&MId=7833&Ver=4>

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