Agenda Item: 8. NOTICEBOARDS

Report to: Community Committee

Date: Wednesday I I th May 2022

Subject: Installation of Noticeboards

Recommendation:

To approve the installation of the five agreed noticeboards.

I. Background

- 1.1 The Community Committee agreed to fund the installation of five Bexhill-on-Sea town council notice boards to disseminate information to residents. Currently, the town council does not have any formal publication space, although it is attempting to access the board in Devonshire Square following Rother District Council's decision to pass over the key. The committee has discussed that the long term aim is to have a noticeboard in each ward of the parish boundary.
- 1.2 The first locations agreed:
 - a) Penland Wood
 - b) Little Common Recreation Ground
 - c) Pebsham Recreation Ground
 - d) Turkey Rd (Outside the One Stop Supermarket)
 - e) The Polegrove

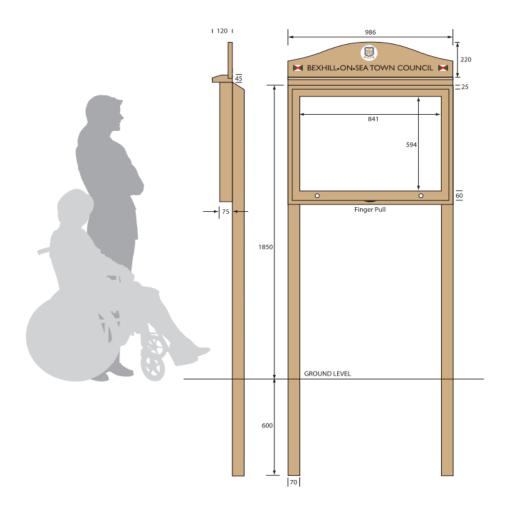
See Appendix 2

2. Ownership

- 2.1 The land on which the signs are to be located is owned by Rother District Council, except for the land outside One Stop on Turkey Road, which is owned by One Stop.
- 2.2 Rother District Council has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MRU) which lays out the conditions which the town council would need to abide by (See Appendix 3)
- 2.3 One Stop are responsible for the Turkey road site and, as this is not a franchised store we are awaiting a similar agreement with their Charities and Communities department. The Town Council is responsible for all costs relating to installation of the boards.

3. Board Design

3.1 Following the committee's comments a final design has been prepared for approval. Several quotes have been obtained and the recommended installer design and installation quotation is attached. (Appendix 1). The boards are an 'off the shelf' structure with an option of designing the header piece. Based on members comments a header piece is on the mock-up below.



3.2 Members are minded to note the dimensions of the board at 986mm wide with a display case of 841mm x 594mm.

4. Decisions Required

- a) To approve Memorandum of Understanding with Rother District Council
- b) To approve design and installation of five boards at agreed locations



APPENDIX 2 Locations







LITTLE COMMON REC notice boards. Location(s) marked with X







APPENDIX 3 Memorandum of Understanding

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

INTRODUCTION

This memorandum of understanding establishes a framework for co-operation between Rother District Council and Bexhill on Sea Town Council regarding the installation and maintenance of four noticeboards owned by Bexhill on Sea Town Council but situated on Rother District Council land.

PARTIES TO THE MEMORANDUM

The Memorandum is agreed by the following Councils:

- Rother District Council (RDC)
- Bexhill on Sea Town Council (BoSTC)

KEY POINTS SUMMARY

- BoSTC wish to install four noticeboards on RDC land in the following locations (images highlighting exact locations can be found in Appendix 1):
 - Penland Wood
 - Little Common Recreation Ground
 - Pebsham Recreation Ground
 - Polegrove
- Ownership of the noticeboards will be retained by BoSTC
- BoSTC will liaise with RDC regarding dates for installation to ensure no sports fixtures or community events are impacted
- BoSTC will provide RDC with a risk assessment and method statement prior to installation of the noticeboards
- BoSTC commit to maintaining the noticeboards in good physical condition including but not limited
 - Ensuring any paintwork is in good condition
 - Removal of any graffiti in a timely manner
 - Ensuring any rotten timbers are replaced
- Should RDC become aware during routine site inspections that the noticeboards require maintenance, RDC will contact BoSTC to advise
- Should the noticeboards become damaged due to vandalism or poor state of repair, RDC reserve the right to request BoSTC repair, remove, or replace the noticeboards
- Should the noticeboards fall into disrepair and not be repaired, removed, or replaced by BoSTC,
 RDC reserves the right to remove the noticeboards and bill BoSTC for associated costs

TIMESCALE

The Memorandum of Understanding is intended to run for a five year period from March 2022 but will be reviewed in March 2023 to establish how effective it has been.