

REPORT FROM: CORPORATE DIRECTOR

TO: TRANSFER OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS COMMITTEE

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FUTURE PROGRAMME OF TRANSFERS FOR 2016/17 AND 2017/18

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To consider further the programme of transfers for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

1. There have been informal discussions as to the composition of the programme for the next two years and the Committee is asked to determine this so that preparatory work and then discussions with parish and town councils can take place.

2. The following is put forward for consideration:

2016/17

- Parks
- Recreation grounds
- Indoor and outdoor markets
- Miscellaneous buildings (e.g. Colne Town Hall)
- Miscellaneous pieces of land
- Garage sites

2017/18

- Leisure sport and arts facilities
- Town centre maintenance and sweeping

3. It will be readily apparent that these will be even more complex than the programmes for the previous two years. In the main it will be the town councils rather than the parish councils who will be involved. Other models, apart from simple transfers, e.g. trusts or social/community enterprises, may need to be considered.

4. The Council will need to work hard to maintain the momentum and the pace of the programme giving it the required priority. As ever, communication and consultation will be of vital importance.
5. Mention should also perhaps be made here of the County Council's proposals for savings which include rationalisation of its land and buildings and which may impact on some of the above.
6. Following approval of the programme further detailed reports will need to be brought to the Committee on the various elements.