

Confidential extract of Minutes of 21 December 2022**Item 2.5 Future of Middleham Key Centre.**

Cllr Fairhurst expressed frustration with slow progress whilst the Trustee report was prepared and repeated concerns that discussions by the Trustee Board appeared to favour the Racing Welfare proposal whilst deeming the Broadacres option to be 'not feasible'. Cllr Skelton supported this view. In response, Cllrs Byford and Mashford outlined that enquiries were not yet complete and that risks for each proposal differed.

Cllr Byford circulated a marked-up copy of a paper from the Clerk headed 'MKC Options – summary of current position' with her 'comments and corrections'. In response, the Clerk stated that he stood by his paper as submitted. Cllr Fairhurst strongly objected to Cllr Byford's comment that the Clerk's statement, that an approach to Racing Welfare had been initiated by the Trustees, was 'factually incorrect'. She referred to her recollection of the meeting with Racing Welfare on 30 May 2022 when she had been surprised that the MKC review, at that time confidential, had been disclosed by Cllr Byford. Cllr Byford's own recollection of the meeting on 30 May differed.

It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.