

Proposed Mass Vaccination Site at the Steyning Centre

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To discuss and agree the use of the Steyning Centre for the use of the NHS for their proposed local 'Mass Vaccination Site' and to delegate responsibility to the Clerk to negotiate details of this arrangement with HDC and the NHS provided other Steyning Centre room hirers are not too heavily disadvantaged and that there is adequate financial remuneration

Briefing Note from the Clerk

There appears to have been a vaccination breakthrough, and as such the NHS are looking for viable sites to setup and manage mass vaccination centres for 4+ months. Work is already underway to establish one in Horsham town but there is now a need for one in the Steyning area.

The current criteria for a mass vaccination site is as follows:

Ideally a substantive building but if not available, a hard standing for porta cabins. Ideal size 500-700m² or larger. However, if this amount of space is not available then a smaller footprint of 300 m² could work using an alternative delivery model.

Availability from Dec 1 for part of the total footprint and scale up to full size by early January. We are likely to need the space until April at least.

NHS will pay rent for these facilities.

Within 15 mins drive for residents to access.

I have been involved with initial discussions with the HDC Emergency Planning Officer and have proposed the Steyning Centre provisionally as a venue.

There will be much negotiation required with existing users so that they are not disadvantaged too much or perhaps not at all, and with the NHS to ensure that at the same time we fulfil their needs and requirements, however I see this as a golden opportunity for SPC to first and foremost, do our bit for the community and the greater good; second, provided the price is right and access and facility issues could be resolved, then this secures our finances for the rest of this financial year and probably the next also – this provided we look after the interests of, and do not push, long standing customers into considering other options from our Room Hiring competitors. Plus, we secure the employment of our Caretakers until such time as the Centre is up and running again and therefore for the foreseeable future.

I have asked for further details and perhaps I might have more information before our meeting on Tuesday night for you to consider

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