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Officers Recommendation

1. Approves the gifting of the Mobi interactive table to Prospect Hospice.
2. Authorises officers to make the necessary arrangements for transfer.

Background

In 2021, Haydon Wick Parish Council purchased a Mobii interactive table for use within the Memory café setting. The intention was to provide an engaging, multi-use resource for community members, including entertainment, social interaction, and potential hire opportunities.

The Mobii interactive table hasn't proved to be the right fit for the Haydon Wick Memory Café because the needs and abilities of the group are so varied. Although the table can be very effective in settings like care homes or hospices, where staff can work one-to-one or with a small, carefully matched group, our Memory café environment is much more diverse.

Many of our attendees are at different stages of dementia or Alzheimer's, and several live with Aphasia or other communication challenges, which makes the game-based, touch-screen format difficult to access. Others simply aren't interested in digital games at all, and the sessions where the table has been trialled have shown very little natural engagement.

What our group consistently responds to are activities that are social, sensory, and expressive, such as singing, creative arts, and hands-on interaction, rather than technology-led tasks. For these reasons, the Mobii table doesn't align well with the strengths, preferences, or comfort levels of our Memory Café community, even though it may be highly beneficial in more controlled or specialised care environments.

Current Position

Since its purchase, the Council has explored several avenues to maximise the use and value of the Mobii table. These have included:

- Internal use within the café environment
- Opportunities to hire the equipment out to external groups
- Offering its use to local schools and newly established care homes

Despite these efforts, uptake has been limited. Feedback from the sector indicates that similar facilities are now widely available, with many care providers and the local hospital

already having access to comparable equipment. As a result, the Mobi table is currently underutilised and does not represent best value in its present location.

The Council has tried to sell for the value of £5,000.00 or a very near offer but have had no uptakes.

Proposal

It is proposed that the Council gifts the Mobii interactive table to Prospect Hospice.

Prospect Hospice provides specialist care and support to individuals with life-limiting illnesses and their families. The Mobi table would offer:

- Enhanced patient engagement and stimulation
- Opportunities for social interaction and therapeutic activity
- Improved quality of stay for hospice users

The donation would ensure the equipment is used to its full potential in a setting where it can deliver meaningful benefit.

Strategic Fit

This proposal aligns with Haydon Wick Parish Council's commitment to supporting community wellbeing. The gifting of the Mobi table can be considered an extension of the Council's community grant-giving approach, enabling a local organisation to enhance its services and user experience.

Financial Implications

There would be no direct financial gain from the disposal; however, gifting the equipment removes ongoing storage, maintenance, and opportunity costs associated with an underutilised asset.

Conclusion

The proposed donation represents a practical and community-focused use of an underutilised asset, ensuring it delivers maximum benefit within the local area.