

## ***Addendum Report to the Council***

**Committee:** Cabinet **Date:** 1 November 2017  
**Subject:** Leisure & Community Services  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor H Kane

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### **Recommending:**

**(1) That this addendum report of the Leisure & Community Services Portfolio Holder be noted alongside the main report previously published.**

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### **Report Of Waltham Abbey Royal Gunpowder Mills Company Limited**

**Board Meeting – Saturday 7 October 2017:** The main item was the report of the Chair, Dr Jennifer Freeman. A proposal of how the Royal Gunpowder Mills could be divided between a visitor attraction and commercial leasing had been submitted to the Foundation following the last meeting of the Board held in August. The proposal had included an area of the site called New Hill which has a separate entrance to Crooked Mile which is a road due to be redeveloped, has few contamination issues, and the possibility of land that could be purchased to enlarge the area, therefore could be suitable for a children's activity centre if appropriate permissions could be secured.

The Chair was continuing to press the Foundation to establish a Joint Steering Group. No response had been received from the Foundation to the proposals. Instead, the Company had received a proposed layout of the site from the Foundation suggesting a new layout for a smaller children's activity centre. A meeting to discuss was to take place 17 October between representatives of both Company and Foundation boards.

**Update:** The meeting between representatives of both the Company and the Foundation took place on 17 October. There was no firm outcome of that meeting, but there was a decision to meet again. The Company awaits a date for that further meeting from the Foundation.

My many thanks to Stella Morris and Jennifer Freeman for assisting me with this report, as I was unable to attend the meeting due to being abroad at the time.