

**Executive Member Decision
Part A – For Officer Completion**

Date: 11 March 2026

Part 1

Purpose of Decision

[Rent Subsidies - Teignbridge District Council](#)

Decision to award a rent subsidy of 75% value of £6,229 however under the policy this is restricted to the upper cash of **£4,000** - Newton Abbot Community Interest.

Company at the following premises:

The Buckland Centre, Gilbert Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 4HS

Request Officer

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Executive Member

Cllr John Parrott (Executive Member for Finance and Corporate)

Progress

- 1 First Draft - 11 March 2026
- 2 Consultation – Ward Members: Cllr C Parker, Cllr Hall, Cllr Ryan
- 3 Discussion with Executive Member: 12 March 2026
- 4 Chair(s) O&S consulted - Cllr Philip Bullivant
- 5 MO-S151 Consulted – 11 March 2025
- 6 Check - any objections from 4 & 5 – Completed
- 7 Executive Member approves for Consultation 12 March 2026

Democratic Services

- 8 All Councillors consulted – 15th April 2026
- 9 Call in completed – 22nd April 2026
- 10 Originating Officer advised – 22nd April 2026
- 11 Placed on Web – 22nd April 2026
- 12 Signed copy filed – 22nd April 2026

1. Proposed Decision

The consent of Cllr John Parrott is sought to approve a rent subsidy for the following voluntary organization:

The Buckland Centre, Gilbert Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 4HS of 75% value of £6,229 however under the policy this is restricted to the upper cash of **£4,000** (£8,305 full rent per annum).

2. Background

- In accordance with the rent subsidy policy agreed by Executive on 16 October 2012 applications have been received from the voluntary organization above.
- O&S undertook a review of voluntary sector funding on 15th November 2021. This review included a review of the rent subsidy policy.
- O&S recommended as part of their review that no new rent subsidies should be granted.
- Executive resolved on 8th February 2022
“To retain the supportive rent subsidy scheme for the next financial year subject to a satisfactory application;”
- In doing so the existing Council rent subsidy policy remained unchanged and eligible organisations continued to be able to apply as long as they met the terms and conditions of the scheme.
- The application has been processed and the results/scores checked.

3. Main Implications *could include Risk Management, Finance, Legal Impact*

The implications that Members need to be aware of are the loss of rental income of £4000.

4. Alternative Options

- a) Do not award the rent subsidy – impact would be the centre wouldn't be able to operate.
- b) Partial award of the rent subsidy – centre would struggle to operate, although there is indication that the centre is looking to improve their financial position.
- c) Full award according to the point scoring – centre would be able to operate for further full year.

5. Justification

Full award is granted to support the centre to operate for the full year whilst it's addressing their financial position. Consideration to conversation to agree a timeline for the centre to become more financially independent to reduce use of the rent subsidy.

Review expected outcomes for the community arising from the council subsidy.

Democratic Services

Date of Implementation Thursday 23rd April

Call in – no

Member Completion

I confirm the decision above

I agree with the justification above

I have no conflict of interest in making this decision having considered the provisions of the Teignbridge Code of Conduct

Signed John Parrott

Date 12th March 2026