

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

**11 December 2018**

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### **Questions**

**Giles Aspinall, Chief Executive of the Magdalen Environmental Trust  
organisation which has submitted a tender for the purchase of the Braeside  
Outdoor Education Centre**

#### **Statement on Outdoor Education**

**To Councillor Philip Whitehead - Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement,  
ICT and Operational Assets**

#### Statement

The Outdoor Education report published with the agenda for this meeting proposes an arrangement for Braeside outside the published parameters of the sale in contradiction to the resolution Wiltshire Council made in the Spring.

The Outdoor Education report also omits key information from our tender with regard to social value.

Our proposal, which is based upon our current work in a neighbouring county, would not only protect and enhance the offer to schools, but also add a further £200,000 of grant funded services for some of Wiltshire's most vulnerable individuals and families, including Children in care, trafficked children, young people with mental illness and families with autistic children, as well as those who need additional support moving from primary to secondary education. These charitable services would be free to access for Wiltshire schools and residents.

None of this information is commercially sensitive, but none of it has been published. The Outdoor Education report in the agenda downgrades all this as merely 'weekend and evening activities'.

As social value and community benefit have been so important in the tendering process, we would like to ask that Cabinet members be fully and properly briefed before being expected to make a decision, and to read all offers in full before making a decision.

The information published with the agenda is a decent summary, but does not give you the information you need to make a balanced judgement.

