

10 February 2014

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) – Councillor Kelly

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Executive Director, Place

**Ward(s) affected:**

Foleshill

**Title:**

*567-575 Foleshill Road/1 Blackwell Road – Progress Report*

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**Is this a key decision?**

*No*

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**Executive Summary:**

The former Cabinet Member (City Development) at the meeting on 23 November 2012, approved an extension of the period the Council has to buy back the land known as 567-575 Foleshill Road/1 Blackwell Road from 7 years to 10 years, to allow the purchaser of the freehold, Edgwick Family and Education Centre (EFEC) additional time to raise the funding necessary to complete the development of a building. The purpose of this report is to advise that during the last 12 months some progress has been made, external block work has been largely completed, window openings formed and a large part of the roof constructed. However, a substantial amount of work is still required to complete the building.

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member (Business, Employment & Enterprise) is requested to note progress on the construction of a community building on land known as 567-575 Foleshill Road/1 Blackwell Road, as referred to in paragraph 1.4. of this report, and to request a further progress report on this issue in 12 months' time.

**List of Appendices included:**

*A Site Plan referred to in the report.*

**Other useful background papers:**

*None.*

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

*No*

**Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

*No*

**Will this report go to Council?**

*No*

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**1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1 In December 2005, The Edgwick Family and Education Centre Limited (EFEC), purchased the freehold interest in the site 567-575 Foleshill Road / 1 Blackwell Road, Foleshill (0.16ha., see plan 1), for the purpose of constructing a community building.
- 1.2 The project was to be funded entirely by donations from the community and as a precautionary measure, the Council reserved the right to buy back the freehold, within a period of 7 years from the date of the freehold sale to EFEC (this being by 4 December 2012).
- 1.3 At the end of the development period, there was a considerable amount of work still required to complete the building. At the meeting held on 23 November 2012, the former Cabinet Member (City Development) considered the options available to the Council and resolved to extend the Council's buy-back period by 3 years in order to give EFEC additional time to raise the necessary funds and complete the building, subject to an annual report back on progress.
- 1.4 During the last 12 months some progress has been made, external block work has been largely completed, window openings formed and a large part of the roof constructed. However, a substantial amount of work is still required to complete the building.

**2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 Progress to date remains slow. It is recommended that EFEC should be advised that there is still a substantial amount of work required to complete the building and that alternative methods of funding the remaining works should be explored, as a contingency measure.

**3. Results of consultation undertaken**

- 3.1 None, this is an update report.

**4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 4.1 EFEC still has almost 2 years to complete the works. The development will continue to be inspected regularly and a further progress report brought back to Cabinet Member, in 12 months.

**5. Comments from Executive Director, Resources**

- 5.1 Financial implications

- 5.1.1 There are no financial implications for the Council, at this time.

- 5.2 Legal implications

- 5.2.2 There are no legal implications for the Council, at this time.

## 6. Other implications

### 6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

6.1.1 The EFEC project contributes to: ***ensuring that children and young people are safe, achieve and make a positive contribution*** by helping residents to improve their skills and get jobs and by reducing the impact of poverty on children and families, improving health and well-being and giving families early support: ***developing a more equal city with cohesive communities and neighbourhoods*** by developing a better understanding of local needs and by solving local problems.

### 6.2 How is risk being managed?

6.2.1 This update does not involve the Council in any risk.

### 6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

6.3.1 This update has no implication for the organisation, at this time.

### 6.4 Equalities / EIA

6.4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken, as the proposal simply concerns an existing legal agreement, which should not directly impact on any specific group.

### 6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

6.5.1 None.

### 6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

6.6.1 There are no implications for any partner organisations.

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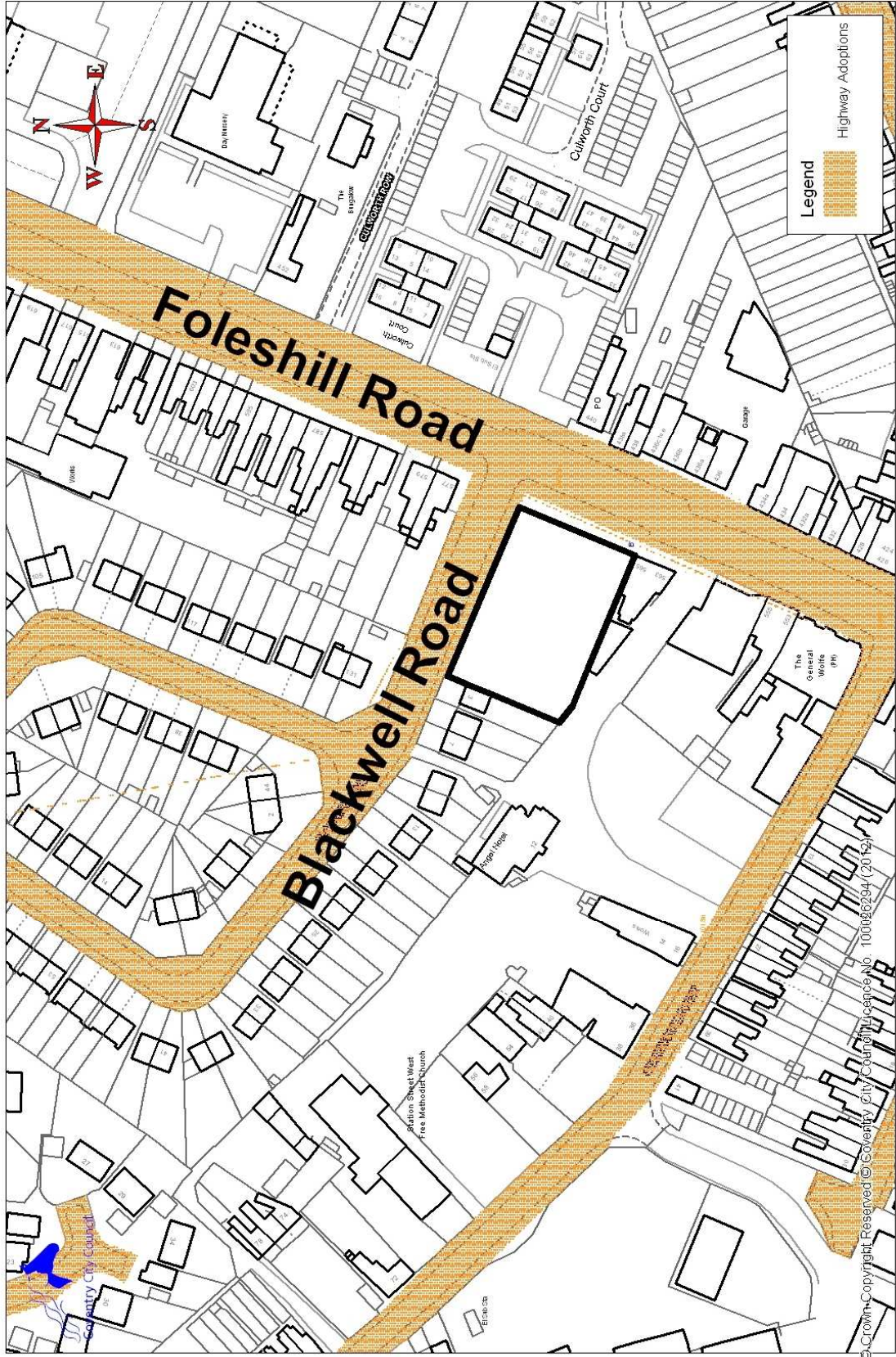
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