

MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL
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Structural report on the Blue Pool building

Report of the Head of Operations

1. Purpose of the report

To evaluate the possibilities of amalgamating the vacant Blue Pool building into the Assembly Hall.

2. Current Situation

The Blue Pool was closed at the end of July 2022 and MTC have the possibility of acquiring it and realising an increased footprint of facility that could be developed for a number of uses some of which are documented in the following link [Friends of Melksham Assembly Hall \(fomah.org.uk\)](http://fomah.org.uk)

3. Background

The discussions around the future of the Assembly Hall are well documented and the inclusion of the Blue Pool could enhance the income generating capacity of the facility (and potentially reduce cost of provision) if developed appropriately .

4. Financial implications

This will largely be dictated by the aspirations of the Councillors, should they wish to go ahead and careful consideration needs to be given to the NNDR and development costs during a period of non-occupation.

5. Links to Town Council policies and core values

The development would bring a currently unused building back into valuable use for the community.

6. Risk assessment

There are risks associated with developing the building further down the line but for the purposes of this report, the structure is sound and the linking of the two buildings is possible.

7. Crime and disorder implications

N/A

8. Biodiversity considerations

N/A

9. Safeguarding

N/A

10. Recommendations

Now it is known that the linking of the buildings is structurally possible, the council need to decide what they would like to do with the buildings and the opportunities that exist.