

Codsall Community Hub gets the green light

Members at South Staffordshire Council have supported the creation of a new Community Hub in the grounds of the existing Council Offices in Codsall.

Council

GP

Clinic

Codsall Community Hub will see the present building refurbished, extended and new car parking built. This will allow for tenanted occupiers to increase in number from 19 to 28. The new Community Hub will encompass a

café, library, three tiers of government, a wedding and conference venue, retail, a GP Surgery, small businesses, Police and NHS Trust.

Overall, seven public sector buildings will be intergrated into one, saving taxpayers £1.7 million in running costs and creating an income generating building for the Council, securing its long-term future.

Over the past three years, the Council building has evolved, reducing the Council Office footprint by 50% with the remainder let out to new partners. With more interested occupiers wanting to join them in Codsall but no more available space to rent, a business case was created and approved to invest £9.9 million to enhance the building.



The new Community Hub will also improve the building's visual connection with the community, with a proposed new extension for the relocated library, a new front entrance, retail unit and NHS

space. Russell House GP Surgery also plans to move in, providing the practice with much needed additional space to expand the number of GPs for the community's growing population.

South Staffordshire's physical and mental health, children's and social care, housing and benefit teams will also be

brought together into an integrated space at the Community Hub, enabling service transformation and delivering a swifter triage of services for those working with the district's most vulnerable residents.



Councillor Brian Edwards MBE, Leader of South Staffordshire Council, said, "This new facility really does get to the heart of this Council's ambition of supporting where we live and the communities we serve. The Codsall Community Hub will provide space for economic growth where businesses can flourish and specialist community teams can work together. It will support the people who need help most and improve access for our residents. And of course, with a financially astute hat, it's a project that's commercially viable and invests in the future of South Staffordshire Council."



Two new property acquisitions

South Staffordshire Council has just completed the purchase of the two remaining undeveloped plots on the Hilton Cross Business Park in Featherstone. Hilton Cross is located just off of junction 1 of the M54 and is one of four key strategic employment sites in the district.

The investment will provide the Council with an exciting opportunity to bring forward further employment opportunities to enhance the economic prosperity of the area in line with both Council and E&I Plan priorities. The Council also completed the purchase of a property next to its existing site at Station Road, Four Ashes, which was bought at auction in September 2018.

