CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITEE

Meeting, at Princess Elizabeth Pavilion, Moredon Sporting Hub, Cheney Manor, Swindon SN2 2QJ on Wednesday 4th November at 19:00

CD-2026.53: Procurement of Stand for Magic Table

Background

1. The relocation of the Dementia Café from the first-floor meeting room at Pinetrees Community Centre to the main hall has inadvertently resulted in a suspension of the use of the Magic Table which is currently permanently installed in the meeting room. This is due to the challenge in moving Dementia Café users from the ground to the first floor. As a result, neither the Dementia Café, nor the Parish, are achieving benefit from a costly asset.

2. The benefits of the Magic Table are manifold, including cognitive and mental benefits, stimulation of memory and reminiscence, physical benefits, and social and emotional benefits. It is considered desirable that measures are taken to ensure that the Magic Table can continue to be used to deliver such benefits.

3. The Dementia Café has approached the Parish to ask if the Magic Table can be relocated to the Pinetrees main hall. A permanent reinstallation of the Magic Table is not practicable as it would require installation of a bespoke gantry at considerable cost.

Proposed Solution

4. To ensure continued use of the Magic Table, it is proposed that a mobile stand is purchased. This would allow for the Dementia Café to make use of the Magic Table in the main hall at Pinetrees and additionally allows for the Magic Table to be used at other locations in the Parish, thereby extending benefit and providing potential for a broader programme.

5. The manufacturer's UK agent, Fit-Tech provide a mobile stand solution. This is costed at £1,950 + VAT.

6. For context, councillors are informed that the manufacturer's dedicated mobile solution is priced at circa £8,000 to £10,000 and there is currently a minimum two-year waiting list. Such factors preclude replacing the existing Magic Table with a new device as a viable option.

7. Councillors are asked to consider the allocation of £1,950 exclusive of VAT from the Community Development 2026/27 budget to procure a mobile stand in the current financial year.

Recommendation

8. Community Development Committee to approve expenditure of £1,950 exclusive of VAT to purchase a mobile stand for the Magic Table during FY 2026/27.