

Appendix 1 - Existing Case Study – from transfer under Big Society in 2012

1. Wolvercote Youth Centre was leased to a community group following service changes in the delivery of youth services. The community run initiative has been successful and has moved from initially supporting 4-5 children to numbers reported in 2014 to be in the region of 278.
2. Use of the asset has enabled the creation of a social enterprise which has also enabled them to deliver outreach services to Cutteslowe and Barton areas (the latter as a commissioned service by Oxford City Council).
3. The service initially gained a £37.5k 'Big Society' grant, in 2014 had 320 people who pledged £100 per year and at that time they held reserves of £127k.
4. This financial position has been supported significantly through payment of notional rent at £3k per annum with the Council remaining responsible for external repairs. The community group also benefitted from their ability to draw income from sub-letting the building at commercial rates of £32,500 per annum to a provider of services contracted by the county council.