DECISION

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.11

meeting date: 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

title: RENTAL OF FORMER PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE TO THE FOUNDATION

FOR RIBBLE VALLEY FAMILIES

submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE principal author: MARSHAL SCOTT

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider giving a six months' rent free period to the Foundation for Ribble Valley Families for the use of the former Physiotherapy Centre in Clitheroe.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 At your last meeting, Committee agreed to rent the above building to the Foundation for Ribble Valley Families. The agreement was for a temporary licence for 28 weeks at £60 per week with the licence then continuing subject to a week's notice either side.

3 ISSUES

3.1 I have now been advised by the Conservative Group that they wish the Council to grant a six month rent free period to the above Charity.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:-

<u>Resources</u>: the rental income of £1,560 agreed at the last meeting will be lost. However, prior to the approach from the Foundation for Ribble Valley Families the building was unused.

<u>Technical, Environmental and Legal</u>: the Council has a legal duty to obtain best value in property transactions but short term licences are exempt.

Political: this is a recommendation from the ruling group.

<u>Reputation</u>: if other community and voluntary groups were aware of the rental conditions for this property they may have been interested.

<u>Equality & Diversity</u>: other occupiers of Council premises may request similar treatment.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Consider the Conservative Group recommendation that the Foundation for Ribble Valley Families be given a six months' rent free period of the Former Physiotherapy Centre