

MA175 22a) Update on Wifi at the pavilion

Mobile Broadband

Dear all

As some (all, I think) of you know, I had a sudden surge of something to the brain during the Maintenance Committee meeting yesterday. We could use 5G/4G broadband i.e. a similar system to a mobile phone hot-spotting. The best deal on the market at the moment appears to be from 3.

<https://www.three.co.uk/business/business-broadband>

I initially dismissed this as an option because I looked a while ago at PAYG (because we would only be using it occasionally) and it was prohibitively expensive. However, looking again prices have plummeted for permanent links. 3 offer a system that gives unlimited data and is £14.17 per month on a 24 month contract or £18.33 for a 12 month contract. I tried to contact them earlier but ran out of time, so I requested a call back which should happen tomorrow.

Tech details are at the links on the home broadband

page <https://www.three.co.uk/store/broadband/home-broadband>

Given the prices work out to be £4.20 or less per week

Cheers

Steve

Dear all,

Having had a conversation with Steve it seems fairly clear that this will be a good solution to getting Wi-Fi to the Pavilion.

If I understand the proposal, the cost for this (£18.33pm with a 12 month contract) is essentially risk free as there is a four week cancellation clause whereby we can escape the 12 month contract if it fails to work as expected.

Graham and Sophie, please can I ask you to consider approving this purchase so that we can move along the MAYD decisions to install some gaming kit in the Pavilion. If we get a green light on this I will be able to call a MAYD meeting and get things moving properly.

Graham and Sophie co-approved expenditure for first four weeks. Expenditure to go to full council for expenditure for the rest of the year.

ACTION: SM to contact 3 and organise broadband

Little Hands wifi

Hello Claire

Thank you for your email.

I have heard back from our IT support and he agrees that

The proposal would work and there should be no risk to your data so long as it is configured correctly.

It is the cheapest and easiest way to get an internet service to the pavilion.

However he did raise concerns that joint usage does have the potential to slow the Little Hands internet connection. This would be an issue for us.

At the moment our internet speed is ok but not as fast as the other Little Hands nurseries. I check whether this can be improved with our broadband provider whenever I renew the contracts - but the speed we have seems to be the best they can do.

At nursery we use the internet mostly for emails, a recording service and occasional video calls or training.

I do not know how effective it would be for high data tasks such as streaming or if it could cope with both our usage at the same time.

Would the pavilion be using the internet during nursery hours (08.00 - 18.00) if so slow broadband speed would be a problem for both of us.

Perhaps you could let me know when the pavilion expects to use the internet and what they will be using it for and we can decide how to proceed.

Meanwhile I will contact our broadband provider again to check if the speed can be improved, it will definitely be on my to do list.

Thanks