

## Agenda Item 10

Cabinet Member Meeting  
Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Dear **Cllr** David Smith,

In the light of the current feasibility study that is being undertaken **by** council officers to find ways to secure Foredown Tower's future, and that is reporting to this meeting in September, I would like to submit the following proposals;

That you authorise the submission of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to fund the Tower's Centenary Celebrations. HLF have already expressed an interest in plans for celebrating the Tower's Centenary and encouragement has been given to apply for funds.

That the council explores further a proposal from EDF Energy who are interested in mounting an exhibition of solar power at the Tower and who see the Tower as having the potential for hosting a permanent exhibition, demonstration and education centre for alternative energy. It is very disappointing that when a representative from EDF Energy visited the Tower on 8<sup>th</sup> May to discuss this project, there was no senior representative from the council present to meet him.

As can be seen from the previous public concern at the proposed closure of the Tower, it is vital that the council constructs a programme of events and promotion for the Tower as well as starting to work now on how the Tower can be incorporated as a key visitor attraction as part of the South Downs National Park.

Therefore I would ask that you give an undertaking to remove Foredown Tower from the council administration's list of land and property disposals as recently exposed by the Argus newspaper.

Yours sincerely,

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