

Lydiard Park Heritage Trust

Press Statement

10 March 2018

For Immediate Release

The trustees of the Lydiard Park Heritage Trust, which was the preferred bidder to take over the management of Lydiard House and Park, have been working tirelessly on a totally voluntary basis for over 2 years to provide a secure future for the whole estate.

Whilst the recent unilateral decision by Swindon Borough Council to abandon their outsourcing process remains both mystifying and disappointing to us, it is now history. All that matters to the Lydiard Park Heritage Trust is that Lydiard is well looked after and has a credible and sustainable long term future.

Since the recent SBC decision to keep Lydiard under council control, we have not walked away. Far from it, we are all too committed and concerned about Lydiard for that to happen.

Since the appointment of Keith Williams as the new lead Councillor, we have engaged in a proactive manner by sharing with him our knowledge, expertise and a great deal of our business proposals for the House, Conference Centre and Park.

LPHT has no political party affiliation and therefore does not formally participate in any party political events.

We will continue to work collaboratively with both the administration and the opposition, as decided by the voters of Swindon in the May local elections.

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