

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES MANAGER**

TO: EXECUTIVE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the Executive to declare the property surplus to requirements in order for it to be sold on the open market.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive declares the property surplus to requirements.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To bring the property back into use and to achieve a capital receipt.

BACKGROUND

1. The property was acquired by the Council in February 2010 as part of the Improvement for Sale Scheme. Tenders were invited in 2013 for the disposal of this property and a number of others under a development agreement to ensure they were refurbished to an acceptable standard.
2. The successful tenderer G.I. Hopley Ltd was granted a licence in July 2013 which required them to improve the property, following which it would transfer to them at nil consideration. G.I. Hopley have not carried out any of the works and they no longer wish to acquire the property.

ISSUE

3. The property has been unoccupied for some time and a sale would allow it to be brought back into use. It is proposed that the property be sold on the open market by informal tender, with the sale to be subject to a development agreement requiring the purchaser to refurbish the property to a habitable standard within a set period.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The Council identifies surplus land and property for inclusion in its Disposal Programme to support its Capital Programme. It is proposed that the land be sold on the open market subject to a development agreement.

Financial: On a sale of the property there would be no further liabilities for the Council.

Legal: No legal implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Risk Management: Removal of all risks and liabilities for the Council on a sale of the property.

Health and Safety: See Risk Management

Climate Change: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report

Community Safety: Occupation of the property will reduce the risks of vandalism and trespass.

Equality and Diversity: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

APPENDICES

Location plan

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None