

## **NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND LEARNING CABINET MEMBER,  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET MEMBER  
AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE CABINET MEMBER**

### **CHERRY GROVE OFFICES**

#### **1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To declare the Cherry Grove offices surplus to People directorate requirements.
- 1.2 Cherry Grove offices were vacated by Children's Services in November 2016. No alternative use has been identified within the directorate.

#### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Cherry Grove is located in a residential area within Kingsway and Lincoln Gardens ward. It was originally built as a children's home but was converted to offices a number of year ago.
- 2.2 The Cherry Grove offices were no longer deemed appropriate for delivery of services to children and families. Services have been realigned: child protection conference facility and children in care independent reviewing team have been relocated to Cambridge House; and local safeguarding children's board have been relocated to Hewson House.

#### **3. OPTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Option 1. Declare the Cherry Grove site and buildings surplus to People Directorate requirements.

#### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTION**

- 4.1 Declaring the property as surplus to requirements will free up a building and site for which the holding service has no use.
- 4.2 The council can then explore the options for the property. The future use will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Assets, Culture and Housing as part of the Property Transactions Schedule.
- 4.3 People Directorate will be liable for the holding costs for up to six months.
- 4.4 Disposal of the site will generate budget savings identified within the MTFP 2016, upon completion of the full program.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY,IT)**

##### **5.1 Financial**

Declaring the building surplus will enable the council to consider options for disposal or alternative use. There will be a saving on the operational running costs upon completion of the full transformation programme. The savings will be offset by residual costs such as security and business rates if empty for more than 3 months.

##### **5.2 Staffing**

None

##### **5.3 Property**

The offices will be considered as part of the property transaction schedule.

#### **6 OUTCOMES FROM INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

##### **6.1 Statutory**

Demolition of any existing buildings and change of use of the site will all be subject to planning approval.

##### **6.2 Environmental**

The building condition is likely to degenerate if left vacant and quickly deteriorate over time.

6.3 Diversity

None

6.4 Section 17 – Crime and Disorder

The buildings may become a target for vandalism and anti-social behaviour if left vacant.

**7 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 None

**8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the Cabinet Members approve Option 1 with the property being declared surplus to the requirements of the People Directorate from 1 January 2017.

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