

**CABINET
28 JANUARY 2020**

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

TITLE OF REPORT: ROYSTON TOWN HALL ANNEXE SITE - ADDENDUM

REPORT OF THE INTERIM PROPERTY CONSULTANT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR KEITH HOSKINS

COUNCIL PRIORITY: ATTRACTIVE AND THRIVING

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet's approval for the declaration as surplus to the District Council's requirements approximately 0.38 acres of land and buildings adjacent to Royston Town Hall as shown edged red on the plan at Appendix A.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That redevelopment options should be considered to replace the existing annexe building and redevelop for alternative uses.
- 2.2 Following full negotiations with interested parties, terms of any agreed transaction and form of development should be presented to the Cabinet for approval.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Refer to Part 1 Report

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Refer to Part 1 Report

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1 **Revised:** Consultation on the principle to consider redevelopment of the site has begun with notification to Royston Town Council and the Ward Councillors. A meeting was held at Royston Town Hall with Cllr Hoskins, Peter Lapham, The Chairman of the Town Council - Cllr John Davison and the Town Clerk – Caroline Mills in attendance. The District Council's proposals were discussed in outline and an appreciation gained of the current uses of the subject property that would in some way need to be accommodated after any redevelopment of the site.

5.2 Citizens Advice North Herts make part time use of the property and discussions are underway with them to consider alternative arrangements that may be suitable. The property is also used for occasional hiring.

5.3 The Council has not yet advertised the proposal in accordance with sections 123(2A) and 127(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 233(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 given that the form of any transaction is as yet not determined.

6. FORWARD PLAN

Refer to Part 1 Report

7. BACKGROUND

Refer to Part 1 Report

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

Refer to Part 1 Report

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Part 1 Report

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Part 1 Report

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Part 1 Report

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Part 1 Report

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS,

Refer to Part 1 Report

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Refer to Part 1 Report

15. APPENDICES

Refer to Part 1 Report

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.