

To: Environment Policy Board

On: 13th May 2015

Report by: Director of Community Resources

Heading: Former Operational Premises at Brodie Park, Paisley

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to declare the former park depot and pavilion site within Brodie Park, Paisley surplus to operational requirements and to instruct demolition of the buildings.
- 1.2 The buildings sit within Brodie Park South, on Braids Road, immediately adjacent to the tennis courts as per the attached appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Environment Policy Board approves that the buildings, as referenced in paragraph 1 above and in Appendix 1 attached, are declared surplus to operational requirements and allows demolition and site clearance of area.

3. Background

- 3.1 The former park depot consists of three buildings;
 - an old pavilion, dating back to around 1940,
 - a large commercial pre-cast sectional garage store, and
 - a Marley type garage formally used a messing accommodation.

- 3.2 The pavilion building is showing significant signs of wet rot in all areas containing timber, with visual evidence of significant roof leakage and a partial floor collapse.
- 3.3 The two commercial garage structures are showing signs of roof and concrete panel damage. The roofing materials on both garages contain ACM's. (Asbestos Containing Materials.)
- 3.4 The buildings have not been used for at least 5 years, are subject to vandalism, and reduce the visibility of the tennis court area of Brodie Park. The area has been subject to gathering youths and anti social behaviour, and there are concerns that the building cannot be secured against unauthorised access.
- 3.5 Community Resources has no further use for this property

Implications of the Report

- 1. Financial none
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** none
- 3. **Community Planning**

Safer and Stronger – the removal of these buildings will contribute to the aims that

- Renfrewshire is known as a place where people feel safe and secure, and
- our communities will live their lives safe from anti social behaviour.
- 4. **Legal** There are no restrictions on the Council in terms of demolishing these properties.
- 5. Property/Assets There has been limited interest from local communities in using these buildings. This is due to their condition and the limited uses to which they can be put. The demolition of these properties will reduce the maintenance liabilities of the Council in terms of health and safety and security
- 6. **Information Technology** none

- 7. **Equality & Human Rights** The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 - 7. **Health & Safety** none
 - 8. **Procurement** none
 - 9. Risk none
 - 10. **Privacy Impact** enter details reference should be made to the corporate Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) procedure that PIAs should be conducted, by all Services, in circumstances where policies and decisions have implications for the use of personal and/or sensitive personal information held by the Council. Advice is available from the Principal Information Officer.

List of Background Papers - none

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