

To: Infrastructure Land & Environment Policy Board

On: 8th November 2017

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Former Whitehaugh Barracks, Paisley

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to declare the former museum store and associated buildings at the former Whitehaugh Barracks, Paisley surplus to operational requirements and to instruct the marketing for sale of the buildings and site.
- 1.2 The buildings sit within the former Whitehaugh Barracks site at 31 Whitehaugh Avenue, Paisley, on the corner of Whitehaugh Avenue, as per the attached plan Appendix 1.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board declares that the buildings and site, as indicated within Appendix 1 attached, are surplus to operational requirements to enable the marketing for sale of the buildings and site.

3. Background

3.1 The site at Whitehaugh Barracks (approximately 0.597 acres) is situated in an established residential area to the east of Paisley town centre.

The existing buildings are an amalgamation of different construction phases and the drill hall, which was recently designated category "C" listing by Historic Environment Scotland, being a building of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. It is surrounded by housing and compatible uses, and is approximately 1.5km from the edge of the Town Centre. The buildings are currently used as a storage facility for Paisley Museum. The Economy & Jobs Policy Board at its meeting on 18 November 2015 approved the necessary funding as part of the Paisley Town Centre Heritage Asset Strategy, for the museum storage facility to be moved to 7-11 High Street in Paisley, by 2018. The conversion of the basement of the former Littlewoods store to form a new museum storage facility was completed at the beginning of October. Renfrewshire Leisure, are now in the process of taking steps to relocate the artefacts from Whitehaugh to the new facility and will be looking to return the former Whitehaugh Barracks to the Council during January 2018. This provides an opportunity for the re-development and re-use of the site.

- 3.2 The buildings on the former Whitehaugh Barracks site are comprised as follows:
 - a two-storey harled building, with single-storey lean-to structures to the rear, formerly used as an administrative building,
 - a large double-height building attached to the two storey property, which was formally used as a drill hall and
 - A single-storey steel framed free-standing building to the north of the main buildings

4. Next Steps

4.1 Following the buildings and site being declared surplus, the property will be marketed for sale.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial -** None
- 2. HR & Organisational Development None
- 3. **Community Planning –** None
- 4. **Legal** The titles have been checked and there is no impediment which would prevent the Council from seeking to dispose of the Asset, subject to agreement on the boundary extent, and appropriate terms and conditions.

- 5. **Property/Assets** The availability of the property will be advertised via on site advertising and the Council's website.
- 6. Information Technology None

7. Equality & Human Rights -

- (a) 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.
 - 8. Health & Safety None
 - 9. **Procurement** None
 - 10. Risk None
 - 11. **Privacy Impact** None

List of Background Papers- None

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