

REDI CENTRE

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance & Resources
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To enable Members to consider the proposal to declare the REDI Centre as a surplus asset.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is requested to RESOLVE that

- 1) the REDI Centre be declared as a surplus asset; and**
- 2) Officers be instructed to review the opportunities available for the centre in conjunction with Property Services and to report back to Members with options by September 2013.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 Since the closure of the REDI Centre in December 2010 there have been costs associated with the management of a void property. The current annual costs are approximately £14k pa which includes those relating to Business Rate and provision of security.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 To enable any future sale of the site the Borough is required to declare the building surplus. This will enable the asset review to be undertaken to include options of selling the building.

Service/Operational Implications

- 3.3 As Members are aware the services provided by the REDI Centre were reviewed and a decision in July 2010 was made to re-locate the Learn Direct service to another Council facility. The report in July

focused on the service provision and the options available to the Council to address the issues that had been identified due to the limited funding opportunities that could be sourced to maintain the services.

- 3.4 A decision was not made at the time in relation to declaring the asset as surplus to requirements. It is therefore proposed that the REDI Centre is declared as surplus and that a short review be undertaken by officers together with County property services colleagues to assess the best use of this asset together with others across the Borough. This review would then form part of a report to Members in September 2013.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.5 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The declaration of a surplus asset will enable officers to identify all opportunities available to the Borough to include potential sale of the property and therefore reduce the risks associated with the costs of managing the void property.

5. APPENDICES

N/A

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

REDI Centre Options Report – July 2010

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