

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

18th September 2012

## **DISPOSAL OF THE FORMER COMMUNITY CENTRE AT SALOP ROAD AND THE FORMER REFUGE AT 132 OAKLY ROAD**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Phil Mould, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas, Head of Finance and Resources
Wards Affected	Central Ward
Ward Councillor Consulted	Yes, at Portfolio Holder briefing
Non-Key Decision	

### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

Members are requested to declare the former Salop Road Community Centre and the former refuge at 132 Oakly Road are surplus to requirements and to making them available for disposal.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Executive Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to the Council that**

- 1) the site of the former Community Centre at Salop Road; and**
- 2) the former refuge, 132 Oakly Road**

**be declared surplus to requirements and available for disposal.**

### **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The building known as the former Salop Road Community Centre is of a red brick construction with a pitched tiled roof pre 1950's. The building comprises the former community centre located in the basement and ground floor with 12 flats located between the Basement, Ground and first floor, one of which has been disposed of under the right to buy.
- 3.2. The accommodation comprises a lobby, kitchen, male toilets, disabled toilets, female toilets, lobby, office stores and main community room.
- 3.3. The premises ceased to be used as a Community Centre in 2004. Officers have received some interests from charitable and other organisations; however a letting has never materialised and the premises continued to be void with the Council responsible for full management of the premises.

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- 3.4. An informal recommendation by the Planning Team has indicated that should the former community centre be disposed of a residential redevelopment will be preferred. It is envisaged that a conversion into two separate flats would be suitable.
- 3.5. 132 Oakly Road has been used by Stonham as a refuge since May 2006. Stonham gave notice to vacate the property from the 1st August 2012. The ex-refuge is a large property with shared kitchen and bathrooms and a sizable garden. It is not considered suitable for letting as part of the Council's housing stock.

**Financial Implications**

- 3.6 Disposal of both properties would generate capital receipts that could be used to support the Council's Capital Programme.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.7 There are no legal implications.

**Service/Operational Implications**

- 3.8 No direct implications. The Salop Road property has not been used as a Community Centre for a number of years.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.9 No direct implications.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

There are no risks identified.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Plan of Salop Road property.  
Appendix 2 Plan of 132 Oakly Road

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Files held by Property Services.

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