

Mr Hunt, Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources	Ref No: FR16 (18/19)
January 2019	Key Decision: Yes
Surplus Declaration: High Titten, Amberley	Part I
Report by Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment	Electoral Division: Storrington
<p>Summary</p> <p>This report seeks approval by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to confirm a surplus declaration for land at High Titten, Amberley deemed surplus to service operational requirements. Declaring this site surplus enables a further decision to be made on a sale of the asset (capital receipt).</p>	
<p>West Sussex Plan: Policy Impact and Context</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources has taken a decision to adopt a new Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy FR06(18/19). The Asset Management Strategy ensures that assets are used efficiently and sustainably to provide suitable accommodation in appropriate locations to enable the County Council to deliver services and to generate revenue and growth. This includes identifying opportunities for rationalisation of assets and disposal or redevelopment of assets no longer required for operational purposes. Declaring properties surplus is part of the process to deliver the strategy and allows further decisions to be made regarding properties that are no longer needed for operational purposes.</p>	
<p>Financial Impact</p> <p>There is no immediate financial impact of this decision. Declaring the site surplus enables a further decision to be made to dispose of the asset generating a capital receipt.</p>	
<p>Recommendation</p> <p>That the Cabinet Member makes a decision that the County Council declares the land at High Titten, Amberley, set out in Appendix A , surplus to service operational requirements.</p>	

Proposal

1. Background and Context

To accord with County Council Standing Orders this property needs to be formally declared surplus to service and operational requirements in order for the property to be disposed of on the open market.

2. Proposal Details

- 2.1 It is proposed to declare the land surplus to operational requirements on the basis that there is no current service need for any of the land.
- 2.2 The site comprises approximately 0.09 hectare of land and rundown buildings and is currently used as an informal camping site by users of the South Downs Way.

Factors taken into account

3. Consultation

- 3.1 **Members** – The advisor to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources on asset management, the Cabinet Member for Environment and the local member for Storrington.
- 3.2 **External** - not applicable
- 3.3 **Public** - not applicable.
- 3.4 **Internal** – The Head of Property, Procurement and Environment, Legal Services and the Service Finance Business Partner for Economy Infrastructure and Environment.

4. Financial (revenue and capital) and Resource Implications

- 4.1 There are no resource implications associated with these proposals.
- 4.2 Revenue consequences of the proposal – there are no financial implications in declaring this property surplus.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Risk Assessment Implications and Mitigations

- 6.1 All surplus property is risk assessed at the time of handover to the corporate landlord by a service and appropriate security measures put in place if necessary.

7. Other Options Considered (and reasons for not proposing)

- 7.1 None. Due to the nature of the land and its location, no alternative service would have any use for the land.

8. Equality and Human Rights Assessment

- 8.1 The Equality Duty does not need to be addressed as it is a report dealing with an internal procedural matter only.

9. Social Value and Sustainability Assessment

- 9.1 The proposal will bring continued social, environmental and economic benefits by ensuring surplus property is managed according to the County Council's Asset Policy.

10. Crime and Disorder Reduction Assessment

- 10.1 None.

Lee Harris

Executive Director Economy,
Infrastructure and Environment

Contact Officer: Ann Campbell, Senior Estates Surveyor, Ext 23022

Appendix A: Plan of site

Background papers: None.