

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES – 28 JANUARY 2020

PROPERTY TRANSACTION– FORFAR SWIMMING POOL, THE VENNEL, FORFAR

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

The report seeks approval of the property transaction in relation to the former Forfar Swimming Pool, The Vennel, Forfar.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approves the property transaction as detailed at **Appendix 2**.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

- 2.1 The proposal contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2030 and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy.
- Attractive employment opportunities
- Angus is a good place to live in, work and visit.

PEOPLE

- The best start in life for children
- More opportunities for people to achieve success
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- A reduced carbon footprint
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Following the completion of the new Forfar Community Campus in February 2017 the old Swimming Pool at The Vennel, Forfar, a Category C listed building, became redundant and was declared surplus by the P&R Committee at its meeting on 28 August 2018. A plan of the site is included in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 The property was put on the market for sale in January 2019 with the offers detailed in **Appendix 2** to be considered.
- 3.4 The running cost for the building including servicing, utilities and insurance are currently in excess of £9,000 per annum. No empty rates are payable as the property is Listed.
- 3.3 Recently the property has been subject to break-ins and vandalism causing a considerable amount of damage to the interior of the property necessitating temporary repairs costing approximately £2,000.
- 3.4 Following the recent vandalism the interested parties have had the opportunity to revisit the property and reflect any changes in the offers.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The disposal of the site will generate a capital receipt for Angus Council.
- 4.2 The disposal of the site will result in revenue savings in the order of £9,000 per annum.

NOTE: The background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report No 258/18 – Surplus Properties - Policy & Resources 28 August 2018

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Plan
Appendix 2 - Open Market Disposal