

Report to: **Lead Member for Resources**

Date: 24 May 2018

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title of report: **Council Cottage, Barnetts Hill, Peasmarsh**

Purpose of report: **To seek Lead Member approval to declare this property surplus to Council requirements to enable its disposal.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Lead Member is recommended to:

- (1) declare the property known as Council Cottage, Barnetts Hill, Peasmarsh surplus to the County Council's operational requirements; and**
  - (2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to agree the terms for a disposal in accordance with s. 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.**
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## **1 Background Information**

- 1.1 The Property comprises a semi-detached 3 bedroomed house and gardens which fronts the A268 (Barnetts Hill). It was previously subject to a secure tenancy which has recently been terminated.
- 1.2 The property is now vacant and generating no income but is incurring management and security costs.

## **2. Supporting information**

- 2.1 The asset is shown hatched black on the plan attached as Appendix 1 and extends to approx 0.25 acres.
- 2.2 Internal consultation with Council Services has confirmed there is no operational requirement for this property.
- 2.3 The property will be placed in the open market through a residential marketing agent to secure best value
- 2.4 The Local Member has been consulted on this matter and raised no objection to the proposal.

## **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 3.1 The property no future operational use for the County Council and, whilst vacant, continues to incur costs for security and maintenance.
- 3.2 The Council is not in a position to lease this type of property, without incurring security of tenure and right to buy issues. The whole requires complete refurbishment.
- 3.3 It is recommended that this property be declared surplus to County Council requirements and terms for a disposal delegated to the Chief Operating Officer in accordance with the requirements of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

Councillor Davies

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

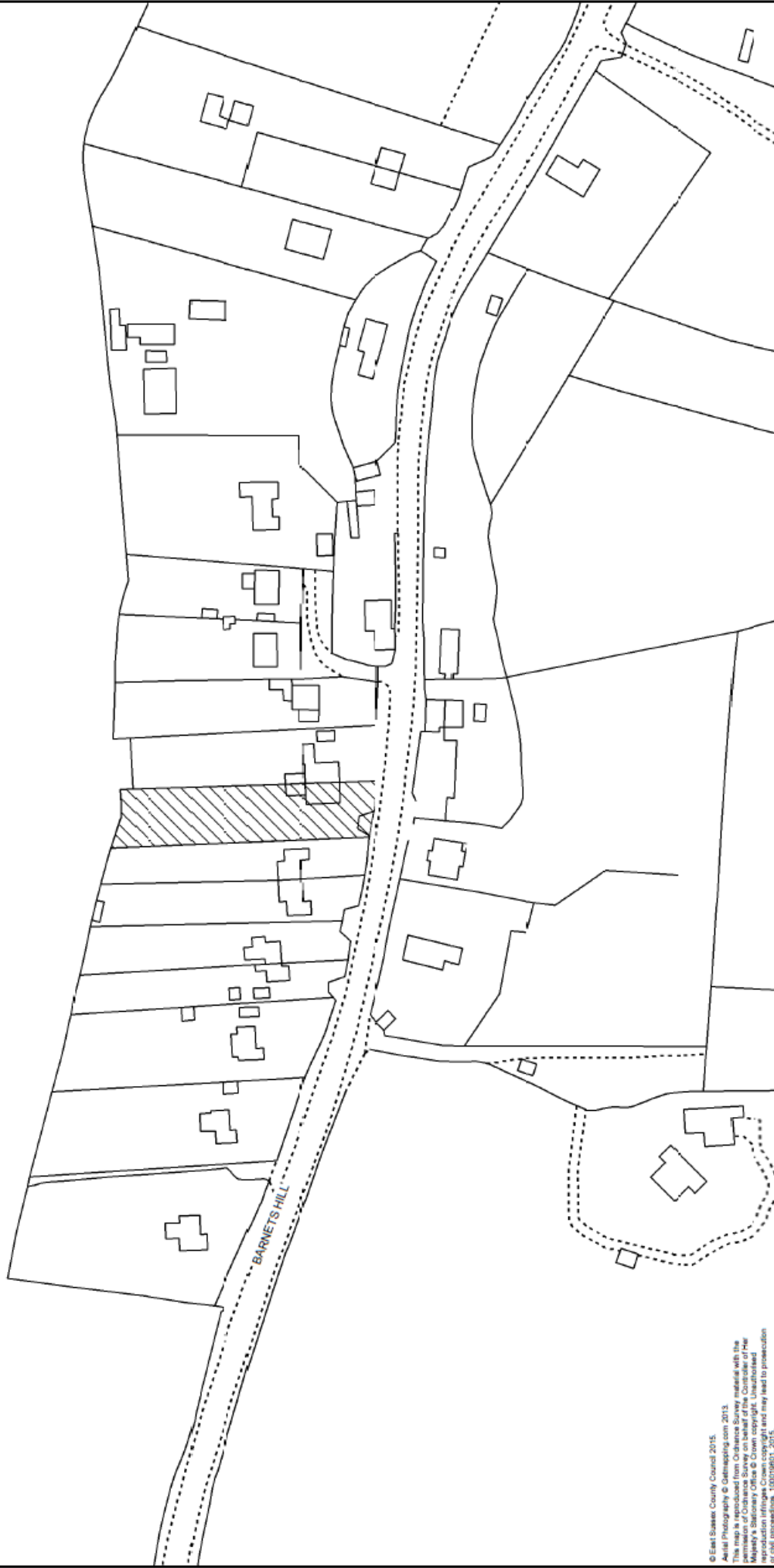
Appendix I – Site Plan (not to scale)

Appendix II – Site Plan 1:1500 scale (not to scale)



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