

Report to: Lead Member for Resources
Date of meeting: 20 October 2020
By: Chief Operating Officer
Title: Forest Row Former HWRC, Forest Row
Purpose: To seek Lead Member approval formally declare the asset surplus

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lead Member for Resources is recommended to:

- 1) Agree the site be formally declared a surplus property asset**
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1 Background

1.1 The June 2018 Cabinet approved alterations to the ESCC Waste Service and agreed to the closure of Forest Row Household Waste Recycling site. Subsequent work to decommission the site and surrender both the Environment Agency approved waste licence and service / occupational arrangements has been concluded. An internal review of the asset has taken place and community engagement has identified several interested parties.

1.2 The decision required will be to now formally declare the asset surplus. A plan of the site is at Appendix 1.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The decision required relates to whether East Sussex County Council (ESCC) may now declare the Former Household Waste Recycle Centre, Station Road, Forest Row surplus.

2.2 The Property has since been listed as an Asset of Community Value by the District Council and approaches have been made to the County Council by a number of parties.

2.3 Due to its previous use the property has limited appeal for any existing ESCC service and therefore should be declared vacant.

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3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the Lead Member agrees for the County Council to formally declare this a surplus property asset as it is of little benefit to ESCC services. It will then allow us to engage fully with potentially interest parties and identify a future user / owner of the site.

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LOCAL MEMBER: Councillor Francis Whetstone

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None