

Report to: **Lead Member for Resources**

Date: **24 November 2015**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title of report: **Mount Denys and Pinehill, The Ridge, Hastings**

Purpose of report: **To seek Lead Member approval to declare this property surplus to County Council requirements**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lead Member is recommended to:

- 1) declare the land and buildings comprising the former Adult Social Care residential homes, Mount Denys and Pinehill, surplus to the County Council operational requirements; and**
 - 2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and agree terms for these properties, to enable the Council to obtain best value in line with s. 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.**
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1 Background

1.1 Declaring the land and buildings surplus to the Council's requirements will enable the Chief Operating Officer to develop options for the property.

1.2 The sale of the site will generate a small revenue saving through the reduction of future maintenance and running costs.

1.3 The properties are currently vacant. A third property, Ridgeway, sits on this site and will remain in operational use for the time being. External surveyors have confirmed there is no loss of marriage value as a result of the third property remaining in use, given the topography and site layout.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The site is shown hatched black on the attached plan (Appendix 1) and comprises approximately 1.1 acres.

2.2 We have undertaken all standard internal consultations which have confirmed there is no requirement to retain these properties.

2.3 Any disposal of this site will be subject to achieving best value in accordance with s.123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2.4 The Local Member has been notified of our recommendations and has raised no objections.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Council has no further use for the land and buildings.

3.2 It is recommended that this property be declared surplus to County Council requirements and delegated authority be given to the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and agree terms for these properties, to enable the Council to obtain best value in line with s. 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None