

Surplus Declaration of Felling Park Depot, Holly Hill, Felling, Gateshead

Policy Context

1. The proposed surplus declaration supports the overall vision for Gateshead as set out in Vision 2030 and Making Gateshead a Place Where Everyone Thrives.
2. The proposed declaration will also accord with the provisions of the update of the Corporate Asset Strategy and Management Plan 2015 – 2020. In particular, the rationalisation of the estate through the disposal of an uneconomic asset.

Background

3. The land and buildings which are shown outlined in black on the attached plan have been previously used as a grounds maintenance depot for Felling Park ('the subject property'). The subject property is currently held by the Council for the benefit, improvement and development of the borough pursuant to section 120 Local Government Act 1972.
4. The subject property is no longer required for operational requirements and the service is being delivered from Park Road and the subject property is vacant.
5. The site has been identified as a potential development site and the future use will be the subject of a further report.

Consultation

6. In preparing this report consultations have taken place with Leader, Deputy Leader and Ward Councillors for Felling who have raised no objections to the proposal.

Alternative Options

7. The option of retaining the subject property has been discounted as service delivery has been relocated and the on-site buildings are in poor condition for any alternative use

Implications of Recommended Option

8. Resources:

- a) **Financial Implications** - The Strategic Director, Corporate Resources confirms that there are no financial implications arising from the surplus declaration.
- b) **Human Resources Implications** - There are no implications arising from this recommendation.
- c) **Property Implications** - The future disposal of the subject property will result in a reduction in the Council's overall property portfolio thus reducing operational costs.

9. **Risk Management Implication** – There are no implications arising from this recommendation.
10. **Equality and Diversity** – There are no implications arising from this recommendation.
11. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – There are no implications arising from this recommendation.
12. **Health Implications** - There are no implications arising from this recommendation.
13. **Sustainability Implications** - There are no implications arising from this recommendation.
14. **Human Rights Implications** - There are no implications arising from this recommendation.
15. **Area & Ward Implications** – East & Felling.
16. **Background Information** - None