

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
20 SEPTEMBER 2018

OLLERTON HALL

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 For Members to consider the recommendations of the Ollerton Hall Task & Finish Group for disposal of Ollerton Hall.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Ollerton Hall Task & Finish Group met on 6 September to consider options around the renovation and disposal of Ollerton Hall.

2.2 The Task & Finish Group were provided with full details of the history of the Grade II* listed Hall which was now back in the Council's ownership.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 The Task & Finish Group considered options for the disposal of Ollerton Hall and a process for disposal. The unanimous recommendations of the Task & Finish Group to the Committee were as follows:

- To agree the open market disposal of the property on the basis of a long leasehold disposal with an option to purchase the freehold on satisfactory completion of the renovation works;
- To agree that the successful purchaser be selected on the basis of best satisfying the range of criteria set out in the body of the report to the Task & Finish Group with price not being the overriding consideration and the property be marketed accordingly;
- To instruct Innes England to undertake the marketing of the property; and
- To agree that delegated authority be given to the Deputy Chief Executive, following consultation with a Member Panel comprising Councillors Girling, Lloyd and Wells, to select the preferred bidder in accordance with the criteria agreed by the Task & Finish Group.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 Equalities issues will be considered as part of any redevelopment proposals.

5.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework

5.1 There is a budget of £11,375 to keep the building safe, secure, wind & watertight. As it is unlikely that all of this budget will be required as all essential works have been completed this budget will be used for agent fees for marketing and sale.

6.0 Comments of Director – Resources and S151 Officer

6.1 The disposal of Ollerton Hall is supported from an Asset Management and Finance perspective; offering no value, in its current state to the taxpayer. The disposal will generate a capital receipt which will be used to fund other capital projects.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) open market disposal of the property be agreed on the basis of a long leasehold disposal with an option to purchase the freehold on satisfactory completion of the renovation works;**
- (b) the successful purchaser be selected on the basis of best satisfying the range of criteria set out in the report to the Task & Finish Group with price not being the overriding consideration and the property be marketed accordingly;**
- (c) Innes England be instructed to undertake the marketing of the property; and**
- (d) delegated authority be given to the Deputy Chief Executive, following consultation with a Member Panel comprising Councillors Girling, Lloyd and Wells, to select the preferred bidder in accordance with the criteria agreed by the Task & Finish Group.**

Reason for Recommendations

To dispose of Ollerton Hall and secure the long term future of the building.

Background Papers

Exempt Report to the Ollerton Hall Task & Finish Group – available to Members on request.

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