

16 June 2014**Agenda Item: 5(g)****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY &
ENVIRONMENT****ABBEY ROAD DEPOT, ABBEY ROAD, WEST BRIDGFORD:
PROPOSED LEASE OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to a letting of the vehicle maintenance workshops situated within the Abbey Road Depot, which is owned by Rushcliffe Borough Council, on terms as detailed in the exempt appendix.

Information and Advice

2. Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Having regard to the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because divulging the information would significantly damage the Council's commercial position. The exempt information is set out in the exempt appendix.
3. In 2012, the County Council took a lease of part of the Rushcliffe Borough Council Civic Amenities to Depot at Abbey Road, West Bridgford. The lease enabled the relocation of Travel and Transport Services from the previous leasehold Depot at Riverside Way Nottingham, allowing the lease on that property to be terminated under a break option.
4. The Rushcliffe Borough Council depot at Abbey Road also has vehicle maintenance and repairing facilities which were, until very recently, being used by Rushcliffe Borough Council for the maintenance of their own vehicle fleets. However, Rushcliffe Borough Council has recently entered into a Service Level Agreement with Nottingham City Council which provides for the Rushcliffe vehicle fleet to be maintained at the City Council facility in Woodthorpe. This means that the Rushcliffe Borough Council facility at Abbey Road has become vacant, although the Borough Council will continue to use part of the Abbey Road Depot for other service provision; principally its refuse collection and recycling operations.
5. The County Council's Travel and Transport Service (TTS) has conducted a county-wide review of its Fleet Management Service, which carries out the maintenance of the County Council's fleet of operational vehicles. The recommendations of a report on this matter were approved by the Transport and Highways Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2014. That report recommended an expansion of the County Council

representation at the Abbey Road Depot to include the use of the vehicle maintenance workshops.

6. It is proposed to enter into an additional lease on part of the Abbey Road depot to incorporate the vehicle maintenance workshops within the area demised to the County Council. The proposed terms of the additional lease area are detailed in the exempt appendix.

Other Options Considered

7. The alternative to the expansion of operations at Abbey Road to incorporate use of the vehicle maintenance workshops are considered by TTS to be inferior, more costly and/or impractical the reasons detailed in the report to Transport and Highways Committee, which are cited here as a background paper.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. To enable the cost effective and efficient provision of Fleet Maintenance Services across the southern part of the County, consistent with the resolution of Transport and Highways Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2014.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That approval is given to the terms of a letting of the vehicle maintenance workshops situated within the Abbey Road Depot, as detailed in the exempt appendix.

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Constitutional Comments (SSR 3.6.2014)

10. This decision falls within the scope of decisions which may be approved by the Finance and Property Committee.

Financial Comments (TR 3/6/2014)

11. The financial implications are set out in the exempt appendix to the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

12. Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Transport and Highways Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2014

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

13. Ward(s): West Bridgford Central and South
Member(s): Councillor Liz Plant, Councillor Steve Calvert

File ref.: /IB/SL/

SP: 2665

Properties affected: 06438 - Abbey Road/Buckfast Way