

16 January 2017

Agenda Item: 5a

## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & PROPERTY**

### **FORMER SHERWOOD INDUSTRIES SITE, RAINWORTH – DISPOSAL**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to the disposal of the former Sherwood Industries site, Rainworth, as shown on the attached plan.

#### **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 Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.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. The former Sherwood Industries site comprises a range of principally interconnecting industrial buildings on a site measuring 5.25 acres (2.13ha). This has been declared surplus to the requirements of the County Council and consequently following a tendering exercise to appoint an external agent, the site was marketed by Innes England and a date set for the submission of final sealed offers.
4. For information purposes, the Daycentre and Horticultural unit (known as Redoaks) are within the site but are excluded from the sale because they are still in operational use by the County Council, all rights of access will therefore be retained for these properties. Property have recently explored the opportunity to relocate Day Centres, but there is currently no service benefit in doing so; this will be kept under review. The proposed disposal of Sherwood Industries however will not sterilise any future disposal potential for the retained part of the site.
5. The offers are as set out in the exempt appendix.

#### **Other Options Considered**

6. The County Council could retain the site but it has no requirements for its use. As a consequence, the County Council would incur holding costs plus lose the opportunity to receive a capital receipt.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

7. The disposal of the former Sherwood Industries site to Purchaser 'A' provides the County Council with a capital receipt at best value and additionally removes an ongoing liability.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. 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 disposal of the former Sherwood Industries site to Purchaser 'A' as outlined in this report.

**Jas Hundal**

**Service Director – Environment, Transport & Property**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact: Brian Hoyle 0115 9772479**

## **Constitutional Comments (CEH 29.12.16)**

9. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee under its terms of reference. When disposing of land the Council is under a statutory obligation to obtain the best price reasonably obtainable on the open market. Therefore the Committee should consider and satisfy itself of this when taking a decision.

## **Financial Comments (RWK 04.01.17)**

10. The financial implications are set out in the report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

11. None.

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

12. Ward(s): Mansfield East

Member(s): Councillor Colleen Harwood, Councillor Alan Bell