

EX65. Strategic Property Review & Civic Headquarters Project Update Report

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on the Strategic Property Review (SPR). Following decisions taken at the 26 September 2017 meeting of the Executive the following actions had been completed:-

- Abbotsford House was purchased
- Planning consent for the conversion of the vacant space on the first floor of the Community Stadium has been granted
- NHS Forth Valley agree the disposal of the Westbank Centre, set for demolition early 2018
- A lease extension at Callendar Square was requested
- Negotiations were progressing to terminate the lease for Camelon One Stop Shop

It was proposed that a further report on the market testing exercise carried out in relation to the Council Office HQ and Arts Centre was submitted to a future meeting of the Executive. Five expressions of interest had been received and appraised.

Details of three options regarding the early years expansion at Langlees were provided. The options were to: remodel the Dawson centre; remodel school facilities, or provide additional modular accommodation in Langlees Primary School grounds.

Following consultation with local members and portfolio holder comments the following assets were put forward to be declared surplus:-

- Polmont Community Centre
- Bonnybridge Finance Office
- Victoria Buildings
- Weedingshall
- Heathrigg Nursery

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) **noted the progress on the various elements of the Strategic Property Review;**
- (2) **noted the responses received in relation to the recent market testing exercise for the civic HQ development, comprising the Council's office headquarters and arts centre provision;**
- (3) **agreed to progress the actions, set out at paragraph 4.3 of the report;**
- (4) **agreed as the option for delivery of early years accommodation at Langlees/Bainsford to remodel facilities at the school to increase nursey capacity and address ancillary space deficiencies, with community asset transfer of the Dawson centre to the local community;**
- (5) **noted progress on the advice and support hub facilities for the central and west areas;**
- (6) **agreed the works proposed for the Carronbank House facility, and**

(7) agreed to declare as surplus to operational requirements and authorise their disposal:-

- (a) Polmont Community Centre**
- (b) Bonnybridge Finance Office**
- (c) Victoria Buildings**
- (d) Weedingshall**
- (e) Heathrigg Nursery.**