

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Communities, Housing & Infrastructure
DATE	27 August 2015
DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	Removal of Springhill Depot from Environmental Services Account Portfolio
REPORT NUMBER:	CHI/15/242
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings to the Committee's attention that Environmental Services, Springhill Road depot is surplus to service requirements.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

- (i) Notes the contents of the report,
- (ii) declares Environmental Services ,Springhill Road depot surplus to service requirements and confirm its removal from the Environmental Services account portfolio and:
- (iii) remits the property to the Head of Land and Property Assets and Land and Property Assets team to decide on its future use.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The property is no longer in use and is surplus to the service's requirements. By declaring it surplus there will be no future running costs for the Service and the Council can decide on the future use of the property.

The disposal of the property may generate future capital receipts for the Council and there will be future costs associated with holding the property and marketing costs if the Council puts it on the market.

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications arising from this report in terms of any legal, property, sustainability and environmental, health and safety and/or policy issues.

## 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

The Environmental Services depot at Springfield is owned by the City Council.

Springhill Depot was used as a Ground Maintenance Operational Depot until early 2012, when all of the service operations moved out. It was used by Building Services for a time to store kitchen or bathroom refurbishment items and Fleet used it occasionally to store items of plant and vehicles that were surplus to requirements before they were sold at auction.

Environmental Services vacated the depot because it was not of a suitable standard.

The depot currently sits empty.

The proposal is to declare the property surplus to service requirements and confirm its removal from the Environmental Services account portfolio. The property will then be remitted to the Head of Land and Property Assets and the Land and Property Assets team and they will decide on the property's future use.

## 6. IMPACT

Declaring the property surplus will ensure that the Service is utilising its property portfolio to support the aims and service provision requirements within Environmental Services.

It will also generate income for the Council if the decision is made to sell the property.

Public – there will be an impact on the local community if the premises is re-used or sold and there is a change of use.

## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The assessment of risk associated with this report is low. However, there is a risk to the property if it remains empty for a significant period, as it could become a target of vandalism or theft.

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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