

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Communities Housing and Infrastructure
DATE	20 th January 2016
DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	Removal of 77-79 Bon Accord Street from Housing Support Services Account Portfolio
REPORT NUMBER	CHI/15/344
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report brings to the committee's attention that the Accommodation Unit at 77 – 79 Bon Accord Street is surplus to requirements.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the committee:

- (i) Notes the contents of the report,
- (ii) declares 77 – 79 Bon Accord Street surplus to service requirements and confirms its removal from the Housing Support Service 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 Housing Support Service 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.

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

77 – 79 Bon Accord Street is owned by the council. It was used to provide temporary accommodation until October 2015 when the remaining residents were accommodated within our new build accommodation unit at 80 West North Street

Building location and layout mean that 77 – 79 Bon Accord Street is no longer suitable for the provision of temporary accommodation.

During the development of the business case for the West North Street development, 77 – 79 Bon Accord Street was identified as an asset that could be offset against the build costs.

The building is currently unoccupied.

The proposal is to declare the property surplus to service requirements and confirm its removal from Housing Support Service 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

Improving Customer Experience –
None

Improving Staff Experience –
None

Improving our use of Resources –
Declaring the property surplus will ensure that the Service is utilising its property portfolio to support the aims and service provision requirements within Housing Support Service.
It will also generate income for the Council if the decision is made to sell the property.

Corporate -
None

Public –
There will be an impact on the local community if the building 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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