

<b>APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF THE FORMER FLETTON PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT (PRU), FLEET WAY, PETERBOROUGH, PE2 8DL</b>
Cllr Peter Hiller Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Investments and Economic Strategy, in consultation with Councillor John Holdich, Leader of the Council
April 2021
<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Cllr Peter Hiller; Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Investments and Economic Strategy, in consultation with Councillor John Holdich, Leader of the Council Peter Carpenter; Corporate Director of Resources
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan: YES Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan: KEY/29MAR21/04
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO

<b>R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S</b>
The Cabinet Member is recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the disposal of the former Fletton PRU at £590,000</li> </ul>

**1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

1.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (q).

**2. TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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### **3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The former pupil referral unit was closed in 2020 after the Thomas Deacon Education Trust decided to close the unit and consolidate services into two of their other referral units. Since then the Council has looked at its suitability for occupation by other Council services and more recently declared the building surplus to its requirements. There is an opportunity to sell it to the neighbouring funeral directors which will also be a major benefit to the city in providing mortuary services for the residents of the city.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 PCC legal have consulted with the department for education and taken external legal advice with regards to any consents required for disposal.

### **5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 5.1 Smiths Funeral directors will purchase the site in order to expand their existing neighbouring mortuary facility. This will have a positive impact on the major demand for mortuary services in the city by enabling them to expand their existing facility.

### **6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 In order to dispose of a surplus property which will generate a capital receipt and support an important local business supplying an essential service to the Council's residents.

### **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 The Council investigated the prospect of using the building for a community centre and / or leasing it to a local charity. However, the expanding requirement for mortuary services was considered more important than these two options.

### **8. IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Financial Implications**

- 8.1 As per the recommendation a capital receipt will be generated by the disposal.

#### **Legal Implications**

- 8.2 Part of the site is not yet registered and so there will be some work required in order to get it properly registered so that full title can be provided to the purchasers upon completion. Whilst that work is under way the purchasers will occupy by means of a licence to occupy.

#### **Equalities Implications**

- 8.3 None

#### **Carbon Impact Assessment**

- 8.5 The impact of the disposal whilst positive in terms of the Council's energy consumption, may ultimately lead to an increase in carbon emission if Smiths utilise the site more intensively in relation to the mortuary services to be set up on the site.

**9. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

9.1 None.

**10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

10.1 None.

**11. APPENDICES**

11.1 None.