

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY
DATE: 14TH FEBRUARY 2018
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
AUTHOR: PAUL BINYON

SUBJECT: SALE OF TARPORLEY MUSEUM BUILDING

Purpose of Report

1. To secure approval for the sale of the building that previously housed a Fire Museum at Tarporley.

Recommended: That Members

- [1] Authorise officers to arrange for the sale of the building formerly operated as a fire service museum in Park Road, Tarporley.

Background

2. The Fire Authority has owned a small building in Park Road, Tarporley known as Tarporley Old Fire Station. For some years the building operated as a fire museum containing a variety of pieces of fire service equipment and memorabilia. It was run by a volunteer curator rather than by an employee of the Service.

Information

3. When officers made enquiries about the operation of the fire museum it became apparent that it was no longer opening to the public. The curator has confirmed to officers that he did not wish to continue operating the fire museum and in recent months the building has been emptied of the fire service equipment.
4. Officers have sent a letter thanking the curator for all his work over the years, providing members of the public with interesting insights into the fire service. This was very warmly received by him and he replied to note his thanks for the correspondence.
5. Some valuations have been obtained and it is hoped that the building is capable of being sold.

Financial Implications

6. There will be costs associated with the sale. Some of these may need to be committed before a binding contract is entered into. The Authority will obtain a capital receipt.

Legal Implications

7. The current legal title is not perfect; it shows the ownership to be possessory rather than absolute. It is assumed that the title deeds were unavailable when the title was registered at HM Land Registry. This could impact on the value so a sale may be delayed until the title can be rectified.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity implications.

Environmental Implications

9. There are no environmental implications.

**CONTACT: JOANNE SMITH, FIRE SERVICE HQ, WINSFORD
TEL [01606] 868804
BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE**