

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

5 October 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

**ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION AT AMBERGATE DEPOT (HIGHWAYS,
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE)**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval to implement the necessary changes to Ambergate depot to accommodate additional staff, in order to vacate Duffield Depot in advance of the redevelopment of the site by Derbyshire Development Limited.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Derbyshire County Council has established Derbyshire Development Limited (DDL) to help provide much needed homes and generate income for Council services.

It has been the intention of the Highways Service to vacate Duffield Depot for some time, due to operational requirements, and plans have been put in place to relocate operations and staff to other sites. Whilst the majority of staff have already been relocated, in order to operate in the Amber Valley, Erewash and Derbyshire Dales area it is essential to locate the reactive team, highway inspectors, their relevant supervisors and the area's Clerk of Works at Ambergate Depot.

Inspectorate staff can be accommodated in existing facilities but it will be necessary to provide additional accommodation in a prefabricated unit for the reactive gangs. Other work will include bases for the tarmac hotbox, storage for materials and parking. The total cost is estimated at £58,000.

The department has been asked to vacate the Duffield site by October/November 2017 to enable demolition of the site to take place in accordance with the ecology report and planning conditions.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of moving the operations currently undertaken from Duffield Depot will be met from departmental budgets.

The purchase, delivery and connection of a Plastisol coated accommodation unit and groundworks to provide parking and bases for storage units and service connections at Ambergate is estimated at £58,000. This can be funded from the Departmental Premises reserve.

The redevelopment of the Duffield site will generate income for the Council.

(4) **Human Resources Considerations** Agreement has previously been reached regards the relocation of staff.

(5) **Property Considerations** The redevelopment of the Duffield site is part of the proposal agreed by Cabinet on 20 September 2016 (Minute No. 292/16 refers) to set up DDL to make effective use of the Council's land.

The accommodation at Ambergate will be a timber framed 12.2m x 3.6m jackleg cabin, comprising an office, drying room and mess room.

New bases will be required to be constructed for the hot-box (transferred from Duffield), storage bays for materials and additional parking.

(6) **Social Value Considerations** As one of the first sites to be considered by DDL, the redevelopment of the site presents an opportunity for regeneration and meeting housing need across Derbyshire. It also creates opportunities for the creation of employment, apprenticeships and the application of high ethical and environmental standards in the construction of properties.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health and transport considerations.

(7) **Key Decision** No.

(8) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(9) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Chris Allwood, extension 38582.

(10) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet approves:

10.1 The remaining Highways Service operations currently undertaken at Duffield Depot be relocated to Ambergate Depot.

10.2 The estimated cost of £58,000 to relocate to Ambergate Depot be met from departmental budgets and added to the Capital Programme 2017-18.

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