

DELEGATED DECISION

REGENERATION AND LOCAL SERVICES



NOVEMBER 2017

UPRN 90058S01 – Bishop Auckland Cemetery Chapel

Report of Gerard Darby, Assets Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval to declare Bishop Auckland Cemetery Chapel and ancillary land to be used for the purposes of parking, surplus to Council requirements as shown on the plan attached.

Background

- 2 The Bishop Auckland Cemetery Chapel closed for the purposes of worship a number of years ago, and is currently in use to store cemetery maintenance equipment.
- 3 Bereavement Services have determined that the building is no longer required for their service delivery purposes and as such other Council Services have been consulted to establish whether there is an alternative service delivery use. Alternative use has not been determined and therefore professional technical advice has been sought, to establish alternative uses.
- 4 Planning Services (P.S) has advised the Chapel is Grade II listed and lies in a formal designated landscape. P.S has noted that disposal may be impractical in securing a new use given there is limited land associated with the building however, in principal conversion to a residential dwelling, subject to the purchaser seeking advice on potential uses and alterations to the listed building, is acceptable. P.S. has further commented that conversion will require the need for car parking to be provided, and further consultation has identified an area of land to the west of the chapel, surplus to service delivery purposes that can be utilised.
- 5 The Contaminated Land Team have been consulted and have advised that as part of the Planning process an Environmental Screening Assessment is required because of the possibility of leaching from graves
- 6 There have been no other adverse Technical comments.
- 7 The Portfolio Holder and Local Members have been consulted and have not made any observations or raised any concerns
- 8 Strategic Partners and The Town Council have been consulted and have not made any observations or raised any concerns

Recommendations and reasons

- 9 To approve the surplus declaration of Bishop Auckland Cemetery Chapel and ancillary car parking land as shown on the plan attached
- 10 To progress a disposal on the open market.

Background papers

ARC-17-084

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – Durham County Council to receive a capital receipt and there will be no maintenance liability/costs to the council once the property is sold.

Staffing - N/A

Risk - N/A

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - N/A

Accommodation - N/A

Crime and Disorder - N/A

Human Rights - N/A

Consultation - The Portfolio Holder and Councillors Joy Allen and Sam Zair as ward member were consulted on 1 Mar 2017, no comments were received.

Procurement – N/A

Disability Issues - N/A

Legal Implications - N/A



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BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN CEMETERY CHAPEL - 1

Scale : 1:1,250

Total Area Coloured Red : 186.33 m², 0.046 Acres or thereabouts.

Based Upon O.S Map : NZ2129. Date: 15/08/2017

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