

Report of Chief Officer of Property & Contracts

Report to Director of Resources & Housing

Date: 5th Oct 2018

Subject: 88 Silk Mill Drive, Cookridge, Leeds 16

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Weetwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number: Appendix 1 to this report has been marked as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rules 10.4 (3) on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) which, if disclosed to the public, would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of that person or of the Council. The information is exempt if and for so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In this case the report author considers that it is in the public interest to maintain the exemption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Director of Resources & Housing to approve the purchase of the leasehold interest at 88 Silk Mill Drive. Leeds 16, as contained in the attached confidential appendix.

Recommendations

2. The Director of Resources & Housing is recommended to approve the purchase of the leasehold interest at 88 Silk Mill Drive. Leeds 16, as contained in the attached confidential appendix.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek approval to purchase the leasehold of 88 Silk Mill Drive.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Following a gas explosion in December 2017 approval was given to demolish a block of 4 flats at 84-90 Silk Mill Drive, Leeds 16.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 No 88 Silk Mill Drive is a leasehold property and negotiations have been ongoing with the leaseholder to buy out their interest in the property, thus returning the cleared site directly under the ownership of Leeds City Council.
- 3.2 Officers in Legal Services have been instructed and have drafted the appropriate legal documents to arrange the legal transfer.
- 3.3 Following negotiation with the leaseholder of 88 Silk Mill Drive, Leeds 16 a financial settlement has been agreed, details of which are contained in the attached confidential appendix.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Due to the nature of the events there was no formal consultation that took place but local ward Members have been kept up to date with developments following the incident.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 There are no equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

4.3 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.3.2 This is a Significant Operational Decision and is not subject to Call In.

5 Recommendations

- 5.3.3 The Director of Resources & Housing is recommended to approve the purchase of the leasehold interest at 88 Silk Mill Drive, Leeds 16, as contained in the attached confidential appendix.

6 Background documents¹

- 6.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.