

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Disposal Options For Redundant Furniture
<b>Date of decision:</b>	28/11/2017
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director for economy, communities and corporate.
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Financial procedure rules paragraph 4.7.23.3 (e) and (j)
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	
<b>Decision made:</b>	To approve the method of disposal of surplus furniture to national market via online auction site when local disposal routes have been explored and exhausted.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>Previous Officer Decision allowed for the disposal to non-council local groups of surplus furniture, however local non-council markets are now becoming saturated and the council is left with larger more bespoke furniture that the local markets are unlikely to have any need for.</p> <p>It is possible that this furniture therefore requires a wider audience to fully explore the disposal options for the furniture as opposed to disposal for recycling, and may even save costs and realize a monetary value.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p><b>Finance</b> The setup of a council auction account with minimal costs whereby auction site commissions will be paid from sold goods, but costs need to be covered for listings if no bids received.</p> <p><b>Legal</b> All furniture will be sold as seen and buyers will arrange to collect.</p> <p><b>Risks</b> Limited risk of negative publicity arising from public perception that previous high cost items could be disposed of cheaply and outside the county, but if the auctions are widely advertised locally then the local market has opportunities to bid. The reduced costs for storage, disposal plus a possible financial return, provides an economic benefit to the council tax payers.</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Alternatives are:</p> <p>To continue to store furniture for which the council has no current use and no local market for at a cost. This coupled with the decision to cease the storage of large items and amounts of office furniture to release units for income generation.</p>

<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None.

Signed: Geoff Hughes, Director Economy, Communities and Corporate

Date: 11 December 2017