



West Lothian Council

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

BATHGATE SWIMMING POOL MID STREET, BATHGATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF PROPERTY SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Executive approval for the demolition of Bathgate Swimming Pool, Mid Street, and to declare the vacant site surplus to requirements.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Executive is recommended to approve demolition of the building and declare the site surplus to requirements.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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| I Council Values | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making best use of resources |
| II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing health and safety requirements relating to vacant buildings |
| III Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The demolition cost estimated at £50,000 will be offset against a future capital receipt received from the sale of the site. |
| IV Consultations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The local members have been consulted on the contents of this report and the only representation received concerned an inquiry regarding possible retention of the façade of the building. This is not feasible due to the nature and construction of the building and the narrowness of the site. |

D. TERMS OF REPORT

The pool was constructed in the early 1930's to provide municipal baths for the inhabitants of Bathgate and surrounding areas. In April 2010 the pool was closed to the public and replaced by a new modern facility at Balbardie Sports Centre. West Lothian Leisure who leased the old pool decommissioned the facility and transferred it back to the council.

The site is situated within a predominantly residential area and future redevelopment will be guided by a planning brief. From a commercial perspective the age and unique nature of the building makes alternative uses or conversion economically unviable.

To limit the council's exposure to future maintenance expenditure, rates liability and other expenditure, the most appropriate course of action is to demolish the building and clear the site. The estimated demolition cost is £50,000, which will be offset against the future sale of the site.

E. CONCLUSION

It is considered to be in the council's best interest to demolish Bathgate swimming pool and declare the site surplus to requirements.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Correspondence in Meridio

Appendices/Attachments: Location plan attached

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