

## Decision Record – Adult Community Learning and Information Assets Development Service – Pound Lane Learning Centre

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| <b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision</b> | Cllr Alan Cockburn<br>Deputy Leader |
| <b>Date of Decision</b>                             | 24 November 2014                    |

### Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader:

- 1) Approves the addition to the Capital Programme of a project for the refurbishment of Pound Lane, Lillington including all professional fees and statutory charges at a total cost of £309,540.
  
- 2) Approves the funding of this project from a revenue contribution to capital using the insurance receipt for Bath Place. The earmarking of this insurance receipt to be used for costs relating to the property rationalisation programme was approved by Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

### Reasons for Decisions

Adult Community Learning (ACL) currently operates from three locations:

- Arden House, Stratford upon Avon
- Saltisford Building 3, Warwick
- Warwick House, Atherstone

In the ethos of Property Rationalisation, Physical Assets and People Group have reviewed current property arrangements from both an operational and financial perspective. It has been agreed to co-locate the teams in one location for the benefit of the service simultaneously rendering some properties available for disposal.

### Background Information

Until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 corporate training facilities were provided at Wedgnoek House, Warwick. This function was managed by the ICT Development service who were also based at the site. Wedgnoek House cost the organisation £730K per annum in rent and running costs (£92,094 of which is apportioned to IA development service. The building was a combination of office and warehouse accommodation, housing a myriad of County Council services. All services are being relocated to alternative, existing properties. The final element of this relocation strategy is new corporate training facilities being provided at Pound Lane, Lillington to be known as

Pound Lane Learning Centre.

Pound Lane represents an ideal opportunity to re house both ACL and the training facilities. The site, a former Pupil Referral Centre, offers a series of classroom sized suites, together with office accommodation and welfare facilities suitable for staff and course delegates alike. Investment is required to support a refurbishment of the premises in advance of it being occupied. Part funding for mechanical, electrical and building fabric works is available through existing maintenance budgets.

The capital cost of the project will be funded from the revenue insurance receipt from Bath Place. Approval for this receipt to be added to the Physical Assets Reserve Service Savings Budget and earmarked for costs relating to the Property Rationalisation Programme (PRP) was given by Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

#### Financial Implications

The total capital requirement for the refurbishment of the Pound Lane Learning Centre is £309,540.

The insurance receipt received for Bath Place was £713,290. The remaining £403,750 will be retained for future PRP requirements.

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| <b>Portfolio Holder</b>   | Councillor Alan Cockburn |

### Checklist

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| <b>Urgent matter?</b>  | No |
| <b>Confidential or Exempt?</b><br>(State the category of exempt information) | No |
| <b>Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?</b>          | No |

#### List of Reports considered - please include link to report

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3029/Committee/551/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

#### List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

None

**Members and officers consulted or informed**

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Alan Cockburn  
All Strategic Directors  
Legal – Alison Hallworth, Vicky Newbold, Jane Pollard  
Finance – Liz Firmstone  
Equality – Minakshee Patel  
Democratic Services – Paul Williams

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Councillors John Appleton, June Tandy, Alan Webb and Nicola Davies