

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 1 MAY 2018

SURPLUS PROPERTY – LOCHSIDE LEISURE CENTRE

REPORT BY HEAD OF INFRASTRUCTURE

ABSTRACT

The report seeks to declare the former Lochside Leisure Centre, Craig O' Loch Road, Forfar; surplus to council requirements and demolished.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee approves that the former Lochside Leisure Centre, Craig O' Loch Road, Forfar, shown outlined on the plan at **Appendix 1**, is declared surplus to Angus Council's requirements and demolished with the land reinstated.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

The proposal contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

- An inclusive and sustainable economy
- Angus is a good place to live in, work and visit.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The former Lochside Leisure Centre, Craig O' Loch Road, Forfar as shown on the plan at **Appendix 1** is no longer used by AngusAlive/Services to the Community, following the completion of the new Forfar campus in February 2017.
- 3.2 The building had previously suffered subsidence with ongoing settlement and whilst a number of potential opportunities have been explored the building will ultimately need to be demolished.
- 3.3 The building has suffered from some vandalism since its closure and the potential to be used for a library decant has been explored and discounted, allowing the building to be declared surplus.
- 3.4 Discussions with local members and the local community have been ongoing around toilet provision at the County Park which were previously available within the building when open, and is covered in a separate report to this Committee. This does not impact on the building which has been closed since February 2017.
- 3.5 At this time the proposal following demolition would be to return the area to grass including some realignment of the paths around the building. Any alternative uses will be reported to committee as appropriate.
- 3.6 The availability of the property has been circulated to all directorates with no alternative uses or interest being shown.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The demolition of Lochside Leisure Centre has been estimated and an allowance of £500,000 has previously been set aside to meet the costs, including reinstatement.

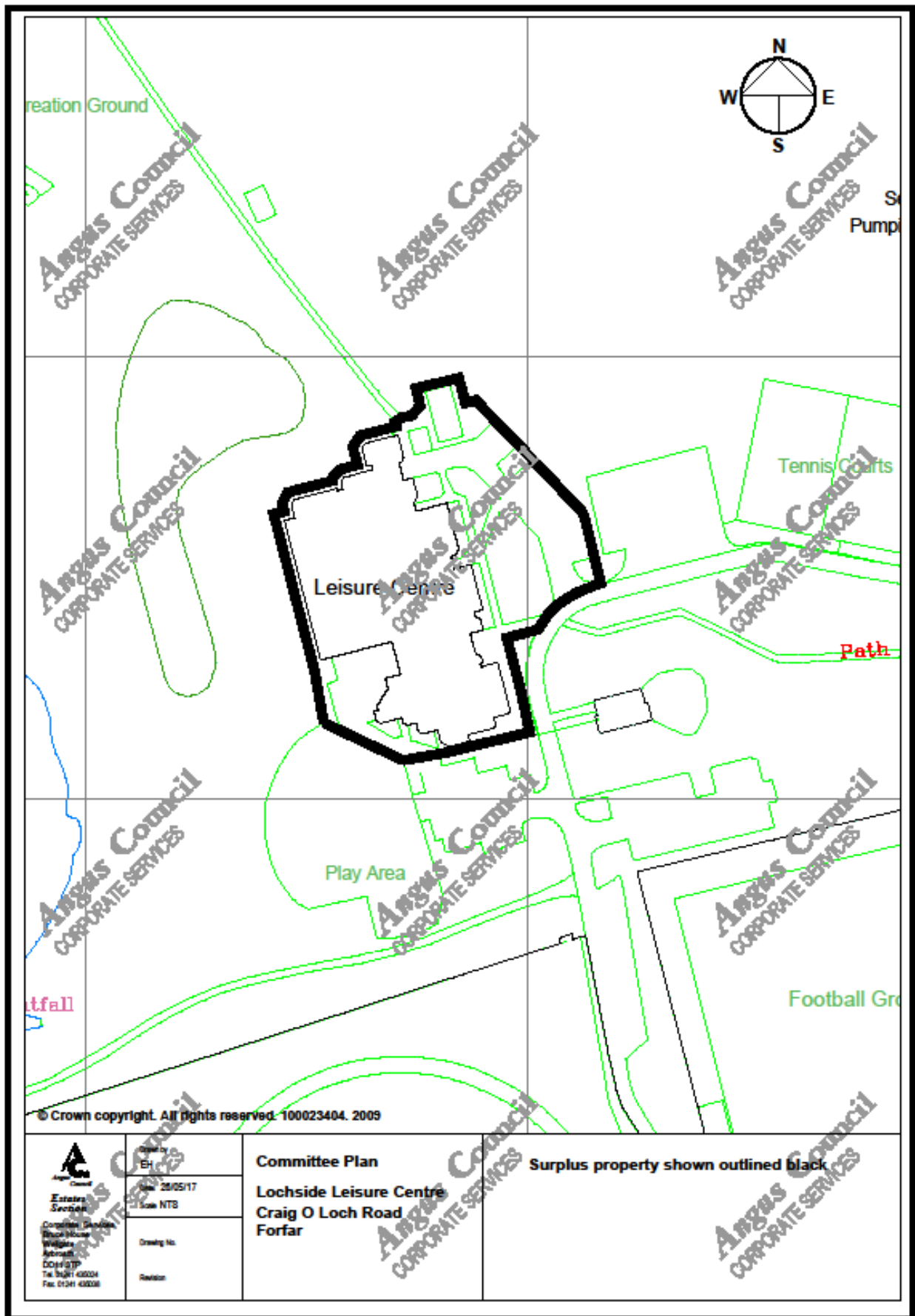
NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Plan of former Lochside Leisure Centre, Craig O' Loch Road, Forfar



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Committee Plan
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Surplus property shown outlined black