



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
5 APRIL 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Elmhurst Lonsdale Place Uttoxeter Road

RECOMMENDATION

1. To authorise a sale by auction and a reserve price.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 This former Children's Home is surplus to Council requirements. Because of the nature of the property and the success which we have achieved by offering other properties of this nature for sale by auction, disposal by this means is recommended.
- 2.2 Because a sale by auction creates a contract once the highest bid is accepted, prior authorisation is needed for a sale which is anticipated will comfortably exceed the £100,000 threshold necessary for Cabinet authorisation.
- 2.3 The Report within the confidential part of the agenda recommends a reserve price to be reported orally at that part of the meeting, assessed from interest shown to date. The Auctioneer has publicised a Guide Price of £450,000, but a reserve can be set at a different level.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3. None.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. None.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – A Report within the confidential part of the Agenda seeks approval to a recommended reserve price - to be reported orally

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The proceeds would go towards the Council's corporate capital programme.

Legal

2. A contract would arise at the auction if a bid is made in excess of the reserve.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal furthers the priorities of **minimising increases in Council Tax and increasing value for money** of the Corporate Plan.