

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Health Scrutiny Committee
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Report for: Information
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Report Title

Stretford Memorial Update

Summary

At the last meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee in January 2020, Members inquired about current and future plans for the Stretford Memorial site. This report provides an update on the plans for the site.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note the information

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Current Position

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) (Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust at the time of the vacation) vacated the Stretford memorial site in October 2015 and the site was held for future Health and Social Care development in association with Trafford CCG and Trafford Council.

There was a strong rationale for the retention of the property at the point that it became vacant, but no development has been brought forward due to operational as well as organisational changes across the health and care sector meaning that the envisaged models of care for the Stretford site are no longer being pursued.

Given the sustained vacant nature of the property there are increasing repairing obligations and the property has been subject to vandalism, despite ongoing security patrols and appropriate boundary protection.

In 2019 and following final conversations across the health sector with partner organisations, MFT commenced the disposal process for Stretford Memorial. The disposal process is required to meet a number of obligations including:

- meeting the required outcomes of an NHS Foundation Trust,

- meeting any obligations under the Greater Manchester Estates Memorandum of Understanding
- maximising disposals for housing redevelopment, utilising partners such as Homes England

MFT has engaged directly with Homes England to progress the disposal as this was deemed to be the appropriate route to meet the obligations detailed above.

Homes England undertook a review of the site in November 2019 and following this they deemed the need for a multi-disciplinary technical due diligence report to be developed. Homes England has indicated that this report may be complete in April 2020.

At the point that the report is received MFT will review the next steps in the disposal strategy.

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