

Property Background

It is understood that the former Longdendale Children's Centre – as shown edged red on the attached plan – was used by the Council and operated as a Children's Centre until c.2015. The Children's Centre has been periodically used since this time but has largely remained vacant since.

The building is located off Spring Street and can be accessed via a now overgrown path from Spring Street or via a ramped access or alternatively steps adj. Hollingworth Primary School car park. The property enjoys a small outdoor play area and limited parking is available within the car park located to the bottom of the ramp access adjacent to Hollingworth Primary School.

Accommodation is arranged over a single storey with the building constructed as a metal clad prefabricated structure beneath a flat roof. Windows and doors are double glazed with roller shutters across doors.

It is understood that the building services comprise of mains connections for electricity, water and drainage with a boiler serving radiators throughout and hot water.

To assist interested parties, the Council have made internal floorplans available, with the following accommodation noted:

- Circulation / reception - A-001
- WC - A-002
- Store room - A-003
- WC - A-004
- Office - A-005
- Social Areas / Office - A-006
- Classroom area - A-007
- Store room - A-008
- Store room - A-009
- Plant room - A-010
- Store room - A-011
- WC - A-012

It is understood that the building provides approximately 109m² (GIA) of accommodation.

Current Offer

The Council are keen to see the property brought back into use and previously received expressions of interest from a number of commercial and community organisations during its void period. The Council are keen to explore any interest from parties keen to reuse the building.

To facilitate this, the Council approved a Disposal Policy in September 2020, a copy of which can be viewed via the following web link – item 10:

<https://tameside.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=5051&Ver=4>

More recently, in June 2021, the Council also approved a Community Asset Transfer policy which sets out how the Council would consider interest from the Voluntary and Community sector. A copy of the policy can be viewed via the following web link – item 7:

<https://tameside.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=5059&Ver=4>

Stage 1 asks interested parties to complete and return the attached expression of interest form by a defined closing date. This has been agreed as **12 (noon) on Friday 7th October 2022**. Once any expressions of interest have been received, these would be evaluated and reported to the Asset Management Working Group. Any preferred bidders would be contacted following this initial assessment and as part of a 'Stage 2' invited to submit a full CAT Application Form and Business Case for consideration.