

ROCHDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Record of Decision

TITLE	Lincoln Road/Mainway, Middleton – Approval of Disposal
DECISION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The site is approved for freehold disposal or by way of lease on full repairing and insuring terms. 2. It be agreed that letting as a community facility will be advertised as a potential disposal option. 3. Following receipt of any instructions from the Director of Economy, the Assistant Director (Legal, Governance & Workforce) be authorised to advise appropriate Council Services, to prepare the appropriate legal documents and execute such documents on behalf of the Council.
REASON FOR DECISION	The site ceased to operate as a community centre in February 2020. It is a site with potential for residential development. However, the ward councillors are keen to explore the opportunities and options for the continuation of the community use on the site.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED	<p>The following alternatives are available to the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Do nothing. This is not considered to be a viable option as the building will deteriorate and represent a liability and risk to the public. ii. Demolish and retain the site as a landscaped area. Environmental Management have not expressed a wish to use the site in this way. iii. Dispose without consideration of the community opportunities. This would ignore the wishes of the ward councillors, who wish to see whether the building has any future as a community facility. iv. Retain for community uses. A disposal process which allows bids for the full range of different uses is considered to be the most appropriate way to proceed.
DECISION MAKER	John Searle
DESIGNATION OF DECISION MAKER	Director of Economy
CONSULTEES	Middleton Township Chair Middleton South Ward Councillors
DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	None
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED	None required.

Signed:

Position: