

**FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 20 February 2024**

**Title: Disposal of chemicals**

**Purpose of Report**

For Members to agree the safe disposal of chemicals.

**Recommendation:**

Members to resolve to delegate to officers to dispose of the chemicals in the Wardens Building using a safe and certified company.

**Background:**

1. In the past the council has brought a large quantity of graffiti removing chemicals. These were purchased on 10 January 2018.
2. The chemicals have been stored for a number of years and because the amount of graffiti is relatively low, the chemicals have rarely been used.
3. It should also be noted that the current staff are not trained to use the chemicals and that the company 'Aquarius Solutions' has gone into liquidation. Due to liquidation the new staff cannot be trained in the use of the chemical as it was provided in house by 'Aquarius Solutions'.

**Report:**

4. The chemicals are stored currently at the Wardens Buildings and unfortunately due to the nature of the chemical composition the plastic storage containers they were provided in have started to leak.
5. As officers are unable to determine the exact chemical make-up of each container, they cannot and should not be transferred to new containers. Likewise, it would be inappropriate to sell these chemicals onwards to other potential users. The only safe option is to dispose of the chemicals by a licenced chemical disposal specialist.
6. We have been endeavouring to obtain 3 quotes for the disposal of the chemicals. At the time of writing the report the following information has been obtained:  
  
Quote 1 £450 Excluding VAT.  
Quote 2 £955 Excluding VAT.  
Quote 3 still waiting, and no longer responding to emails.
7. If Members wish to see the actual quotes, they should contact the office to make arrangements to view them. Currently the chemicals are listed on the Asset Register under Asset 19002 and on disposal these chemicals will be removed from the register.

8. Members to resolve to delegate to officers to dispose of the chemicals in the Wardens Building using a safe and certified company.
9. Members are free to propose a resolution of their own should they choose to.

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