

# North Yorkshire Council

## Environment Directorate

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### Disposal of Asset – Gantry Cranes

#### Report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation, Parking Services Street Scene and Parks and Grounds

##### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Corporate Director – Environment for the Disposal of Assets with a Disposal Value of Between £20,000 and £25,000 – Tadcaster Gantry Cranes.

##### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 North Yorkshire Council (NYC) Bridges team have some gantry cranes, specially bought for the Tadcaster bridge rebuild, that are no longer of use to the council. We propose to auction off the gantry cranes to raise funds.

##### **3.0 DETAILED PRESENTATION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE**

- 3.1 The cranes are owned by NYC and were bought as part of the Tadcaster Rebuild Scheme by Balfour Beatty on behalf of NYC. The purchase was funded by LTP grant. At the time of purchase, it was agreed that the cranes would become a council asset following the completion of the rebuild. The cranes are bespoke design, custom lengths to suit the rebuild job. It was more cost efficient to buy a custom crane than attempt to hire a suitable alternative. Assets were in working order when last used around 2017-2018 and have been stored at Leeming Bar Depot since. All motors have been kept with our storage container.
- 3.2 It is not expected that the cranes will be useful in the foreseeable future for bridge repairs. The scope of the works for the Tadcaster rebuild was such that it needed simultaneous works on two arches and the cost of having 2 mobile cranes on site meant the gantry's were cheaper to buy, and hire was not possible. It was anticipated that the cranes could be used on future schemes, that has not since happened and experience since then suggests that their use is unlikely in the foreseeable future.
- 3.3 The street lighting depot at Leeming Bar is congested, and these cranes take up a considerable amount of storage space, so the street lighting team are keen for them to be removed considering they haven't been used.
- 3.4 The assets have not been used since 2017 and therefore it is proposed that the assets will be sold via auction.

##### **4.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES**

- 4.1 The cranes were offered to all directorates and North Yorkshire Highways (NYH). There has been no interest in making use of them.

## **5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 An alternative option would be to scrap the cranes. This would be a simpler option for disposal, but unlikely to generate as much income for the Council.

## **6.0 IMPACT ON OTHER SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS**

6.1 The street lighting depot at Leeming Bar is congested, and these cranes take up a considerable amount of space.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The total cost of the purchase was £78k. The purchase was funded from LTP grant and there is no requirement to repay any grant monies on the basis that funds are to be reinvested in the LTP capital programme. Financial Procedure Rules have been complied with. It is expected that a capital receipt of £20k - £25k will be received following the sale. Costs of disposal are expected to be £3k leaving a net receipt of £17k - £22k.

## **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 The cranes are owned solely by the Council. There are no foreseen legal ramifications associated with this proposal.

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 No equalities issues are raised by the matters addressed in this report. As such, no impact assessment has been completed.

## **10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The matters addressed in this report do not directly impact on the Council's response to climate change.

## **11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

11.1 Euro Auctions are a specialist plant auction house with links across the world so the asset will be more visible in the marketplace. The asset needs to be disposed of and this way we can look to most likely to receive a fair market value.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION**

12.1 The following recommendations are made:

- i) Authorisation is granted by the Corporate Director - Environment for the disposal of the assets
- ii) Disposal through Euro Auctions using their standard terms and conditions. They are a specialist plant auction house with links across the world so the asset will be more visible in the marketplace
- iii) To note that following the disposal of the asset, the income will be treated as a capital receipt and reinvested in the Bridges capital programme.

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

- E6SE657\_GA\_1 Rev 2 (Sheet 1 of 2)
- E6SE657\_GA\_1 Rev 2 (Sheet 2 of 2)
- Photos

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Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.