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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To agree to the installation of a concrete pad to allow for the installation of a temporary banking hub.

2. Decision Required

- 2.1 Councillors are asked to consider the options outlined at 5 and resolve to approve one of these options.

3. Background/Information

- 3.1 At the last Full Council meeting in September the Clerk provided an update to Councillors that the banking hub was expected to open in mid-November. Changes to the design and additional security requirements have further delayed progress and it is now anticipated that the hub will open in early spring.
- 3.2 Cash Access UK, who are leading on the provision of a banking hub, have been exploring with several organisations in Looe options for providing a short-term home for banking provision until the Banking Hub opens in 2024. These discussions are on-going, but Cash Access UK are hopeful that a solution will be found.
- 3.3 The security review of the banking hub design has included a re-examination of the land on which the hub will sit. The banking hub site surveyors have recommended that a concrete pad is installed 9mtrs by 7mtrs. The Clerk has advised that this addition needs to be added as an amendment to the planning application.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 The land that the hub is located on is uneven and unsightly. If at the end of the tenancy the land reverts to being a carpark, then the concrete slab may be of use. However, if the land is to be built on Councillors may prefer that the slab is removed so that Council does not incur costs in having it removed.

5. Options

- 5.1 To agree to the installation of the concrete pad and ask for this to be removed at the end of the lease.
- 5.2 To agree to the installation of the concrete pad and ask for this to be retained at the end of the lease.
- 5.3 Build flexibility into the contract so that at the end of the lease Council can select the preferred option based upon the circumstances at that time.