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Former care home to be demolished

A former care home in Elgin is being demolished to make way for housing.

Bishopmill House has been empty since the late 1990s, and only used since then for emergency accommodation during local flooding events.

The premises is dated, deemed to be in a poor condition and unsuitable for refurbishment due to the high cost involved. Other commercial uses have been investigated by the council but all have been unviable.

At a meeting of the full council today (Weds 16th) members approved the

demolition proposals.

The council's estates manager, Stuart Beveridge, told councillors that the demolished building will be re-cycled as crushed masonry and used for up-filling on council-owned land at Moycroft and Chanonry industrial estates.

"This will save the council £22,000 in material costs compared to using new up-fill from a quarry, as well as over £11,000 in landfill costs," he said.

Demolition of the property is estimated to cost £130,000, but this will be recouped by the sale of the site for housing development.

Moray Council area stretches from Tomintoul in the south to the shores of the Moray Firth, from Keith in the east to Forres in the west. The council and its 4,500 employees respond to the needs of 92,500 residents in this beautiful part of Scotland, which nestles between Aberdeenshire and the Highlands.

Famous for its colony of dolphins, fabulous beaches and more malt whisky distilleries than any where else in Scotland, Moray is a thriving area and a great place to live.

Headquartered in Elgin, the administrative capital of Moray.

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