

Report to Policy Committee

18 September 2019

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL DECISIONS QUARTERLY UPDATE APRIL - JUNE 2019

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the Operational Decisions taken April to June 2019.

Information

- 2. From April to June 2019 there have been 10 decisions.
- 3. Relevant Electoral Division Members have been invited to comment on appropriate Estate Practice decisions that are progressed via operational decisions (except where Committee have been specifically advised otherwise).
- 4. Care was taken with disposals and the granting of leases, licences and the like to ensure best consideration has been achieved by reference to and tested against market value(s) and rates. All charges and other fees levied were appropriate and commensurate with the transaction.
- 5. Details of the decisions taken are shown below: -

SP	Electoral Division(s)	TITLE	DESCRIPTION (extract from Operational decision)
3488	Hucknall North	Sale of 41 Titchfield Street, Hucknall	Following completion of the Hucknall Town Centre Improvement Scheme in November 2016, the subject property was not required for the road scheme and is now surplus to requirements. The property was formally marketed in February 2019, and the selling agent is now in receipt of formal offers.
3506 LT	Radcliffe on Trent	Consent for Openreach to install Broadband at Greenacres Park, Adbolton Lane NG2 5AX	A request has been made by Openreach to install Broadband at Greenacres Park, Adbolton Lane NG2 5AX under the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) project
3501	Farnsfield & Trent	Bleasby CE Primary School, Bleasby - Conversion to Academy Status	Proposed Conversion to Academy Status with 125 year lease. The school is a Diocese School, so the Council only retain ownership of the playing fields which will be leased under the 125 yr. lease.
3503	Greasley &	02044 Brinsley	To grant a 5 year lease of rooms within the School

	Brinsley	Childcare - Lease to Pre School Learning Alliance	building to The Pre School Learning Alliance for Early Years Childcare Provision.
3502	Greasley & Brinsley	01323 Greasley Beauvale Primary School, - Lease to Pre School Learning Alliance	To grant a 5 year lease of rooms within the School building to The Pre School Learning Alliance for Early Years Childcare Provision.
3495	Ollerton	Licence to occupy land at Thoresby Estate	The County Council is to use land to complement the lease of Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre; the land is to be used to deliver Viking and future Anglo-Saxon programmes. These programmes are an integral part of the Centre becoming cost-neutral.
3511 LT	Mansfield North	Land at The Manor Academy, Mansfield Woodhouse: Surrender of lease	Mansfield District Council has requested that the County Council surrenders its lease to enable a new lease to be granted to 2 Counties Trust.
3522 LT	Hucknall North	Proposed Garden Licence to the rear of 14 Parkgate, Hucknall, Nottingham NG15 8DS	Since 2006, NCC has granted Garden Licences over a dozen residents whose properties on The Drift, Parkgate & Piper Close, Hucknall, back onto the Robin Hood Railway Line. Between the railway line & their rear boundaries is a strip of vacant land & this has been let to individuals who have requested to extend their rear gardens. A garden licence was granted to the resident in July 2014 who is now in the process of selling the property. The purchaser requested that a new licence be granted to them.
3478	Hucknall North	Sale of 28 Baker Street, Hucknall	Following completion of the Hucknall Town Centre Improvement Scheme in November 2016, the subject property was not required for the road scheme and is now surplus to requirements. The property was formally marketed in February 2019, and the selling agent has now received offers. Terms are agreed to sell the property to the highest bidder.
3525	Mansfield East	01419 Oak Tree Children's Centre - Letting of part for Early Years Childcare	To grant a 5 year lease of rooms within the Children's Centre building to Learning Ladders Childcare for Early Years Childcare Provision.

Other Options Considered

6. Reduce the number of transactions that can be progressed by means of operational decisions, this would lead to a loss of the current advantages outlined within the report which could prove problematic from a governance perspective. Lack of clarity on operational decisions may create uncertainty on whether a legal contract can be concluded without a committee decision.

7. An alternative option is to provide officers with delegated powers on routine estate decisions. This would require a significant change in the Council's constitutional arrangements and brings few added benefits beyond a clear and functioning operational decision process.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. The decision making process requires a quarterly update and annual review to Policy Committee.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) To update Members on the Operational Decisions taken April to June 2019.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE Leader of the County Council

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 08/08/2019)

10. Members should consider if there are any actions they require in relation to the information contained in the report.

Financial Comments (RWK 08/08/2019)

11. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Electoral Division(s): All

Member(s): All