

9 November 2015

Agenda Item: 10a

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENT

DISPOSAL OF FORMER RAILWAY LAND AT GEDLING COLLIERY

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to the disposal of 1.89 Hectares of land at Gedling Colliery in connection with the Regeneration Scheme for the Colliery site.

Information and Advice

2. Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Having regard to the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because divulging the information would significantly damage the Council's commercial position. The exempt information is set out in the exempt appendix.
3. The Regeneration Scheme is being delivered in a partnership between the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), Gedling Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. It will include the construction of the Gedling Access Road, and will complement Gedling Country Park, which stands to the north of the development on the site of a former pit spoil heap.
4. The County Council will construct the Gedling Access Route which will bypass Gedling Village and link the A612 and Mapperley Plains. The new road will open up the development land at the former Colliery site, which the HCA have procured as part of the overall Gedling Master Plan.
5. Housing and regeneration specialist, Keepmoat, has been appointed by the HCA to provide up to 1,050 homes, a new local centre and contributions to the Gedling Access Road as part of plans for the new urban development at the former Colliery site.
6. A 1.89 Hectare strip of the Authority's land runs through the residential development site, and it is intended that this be transferred to Keepmoat on the terms contained in the exempt appendix.
7. In accordance with Financial Regulations, in order to ensure compliance with the Council's obligations under s123 of the local Government Act 1972 to ensure "best consideration", the proposed terms for the sale have been reviewed by the Council's

Group Manager (Legal Services) and the “Section 151 Officer” (Service Director, Finance and Procurement).

Other Options Considered

8. Retention of the property. This has been considered but no on-going use requirement exists. The property is therefore surplus to the operational needs of the Council and represents an opportunity for disposal.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. To secure the disposal of a surplus property and assist in facilitating the Regeneration Scheme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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) That approval is given to the disposal of 1.89 Hectares of land at Gedling Colliery in connection with the Regeneration Scheme for the Colliery site on terms as set out in the exempt appendix.

Jas Hundal

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 22.09.15)

11. The decision falls within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (GB 14.10.2015)

12. The financial implications are set out in the exempt appendix to the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

13. None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

14. Ward(s): Carlton East

Member(s): Councillor Nicki Brooks, Councillor John Clarke

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Properties affected: 62233 - Former Gedling Railway Line