

21 March 2016

Agenda Item: 9c

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & PROPERTY

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT SPARKEN HILL, WORKSOP

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval of the Finance & Property Committee to the sale of a 4.75 acres site at Sparken Hill, Worksop

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 Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.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 above 4.75 acres of land at Sparken Hill is the last remainder of a larger parcel of land (68.5 acres) purchased in 1948 for education purposes.
4. Adult Social Care Services have for many years used this 4.75 acres of land for horticultural purposes but vacated in September 2012.
5. The land to the rear is owned by Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) who purchased this from Nottinghamshire County Council in 1995 for use as a cemetery. BDC wish to increase the size of the existing cemetery and terms have been agreed.

Other Options Considered

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

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To secure the disposal of a surplus property.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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 by the Finance & Property Committee to the sale of a 4.75 acres of land at Sparken Hill.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 23.02.16)

9. The recommendation falls within the delegation to the Finance and Property Committee under its terms of reference. Under the Constitution, when disposing of its land the Council is required to obtain the best price reasonably obtainable on the open market.

Financial Comments (GB 26.02.16)

10. The financial implications are set out within the report and exempt appendix.

Background Papers and Published Documents

11. None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

12. Ward(s): Worksop West
Member(s): Councillor Kevin Greaves

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Properties affected: 60012 - Sparken Hill Horticultural Land