

Report to Finance & Property Committee

25 April 2016

Agenda Item: 6b

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & PROPERTY

SALE OF 1.84 ACRES OFF SUTTON LANE, SUTTON CUM LOUND DN22 8PY

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval of the Finance & Property Committee to the sale of 1.84 acres of land at Sutton Lane, Sutton cum Lound, DN22 8PY on the terms set out in the exempt appendix.

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 Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.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 Finance & Property Committee resolved to lease the 1.84 acre site at Sutton cum Lound to the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation (NCF) for a 99 year term in 2014 for a Village Community Site. This resolution re-affirmed a Property Portfolio decision which was originally made in 2009.
- 4. The land is now let to the NCF for the 99 year term which will expire in 2113.
- 5. Following the recent sale by the Authority of the adjacent 123 acres of agricultural land, the NCF have requested that their leased area be transferred to a freehold to secure external funding/grants in order to develop the site for enhanced community use for the village. On a related subject it should be pointed out that the land in question is subject to access rights which will end when the existing tenancy expires.
- 6. Terms for the sale have been agreed, and these are detailed in the exempt appendix.
- 7. The Ward Councillor has been informed of this report.

Other Options Considered

8. Retention of the land for other purposes is not appropriate as the land is surplus to requirements and non-operational.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. To provide the long term provision of a community area in the Village including allotments in response to representation by the Parish Council.

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 be given to the sale of 1.84 acres land at Sutton Lane, Sutton cum Lound, DN22 8PY on the terms set out in the exempt appendix.

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Constitutional Comments (SOM 12.04.2016)

11. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee. When disposing of its land the Council is required to obtain the best price reasonably obtainable on the open market and the committee should satisfy itself of this.

Financial Comments (GB 12.04.2016)

12. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

13. Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Ward(s): Misterton

Member(s): Councillor Liz Yates

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Properties affected: 00045 - Sutton-cum-Lound Farm (Land only)