Report to the Interim Corporate Director for Place



30th August 2023

REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER FOR PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT

LAMCOTE FIELDS FARM - GRANT OF A NEW SHORT-TERM FARM BUSINESS TENANCY FOR LAND ONLY

Purpose of the Report

1. To approve to grant a new short term Farm Business Tenancy of arable land only.

Information

- 2. This report contains an exempt appendix, which is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (Information relating to any individual and the business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information)). The exempt appendix provides details of the terms agreed. Disclosure of this information would prejudice the parties' commercial interests.
- 3. The premises comprise arable land of 62.63 acres. See attached plan for the extent of the holding (house and buildings excluded).
- 4. The existing tenancy has expired mid way through the growing season and the grant of a new agreement is to maintain the crop and preserve the agricultural condition of the land along with providing a short term rental income without the need to pay compensation for the loss of a crop.
- 5. The terms for a new short term tenancy to 28th September 2023 to allow the crop to be harvested have been agreed and the details are contained in the exempt appendix to this report.

Consultation

6. The Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management and Ward Member have been consulted on this proposal.

Other Options Considered

7. A short term letting of the arable farmland provides a short term income, rather than leaving the land vacant and negotiating a compensation payment with the outgoing tenant for a loss of crop.

Reason for Recommendation

8. The grant of a new agreement is to maintain a crop and preserve the agricultural condition of the land along with providing a short term rental income prior to remarketing for a new tenancy from 1st October 2023.

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.

Financial Implications

10. Granting a new tenancy will maintain an income stream into the Agricultural holdings budget.

RECOMMENDATION

1) To grant a new farm business tenancy following expiry of the existing agreement.

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Constitutional Comments (04/08/2023)

11. The recommendation falls within the remit of the delegation to Service Director Investment and Growth by Cabinet Member Economic Development and Asset Management on the 6th June 2022 currently being exercised by Interim Corporate Director Place.

Financial Comments (PA 04/08/2023)

12. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 10 of the report. The income from the proposed new short-term farm business tenancy is shown in the exempt appendix.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Not Applicable

Electoral Division and Member Affected

- Radcliffe on Trent
- Councillor Roger Upton

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