

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL DECISIONS QUARTERLY UPDATE DECEMBER 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the Operational Decisions taken between December 2020 to February 2021.

Information

2. From December 2020 to February 2021, there have been 15 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)
3748	West Bridgford North	A Tri-partite wayleave agreement NCC, City Council new data cable into County Hall	A tri-partite wayleave agreement has been agreed with the City Council and their supplier at County Hall to replace an existing wayleave enabling City and County staff from Registration and Celebratory Services to continue to access shared media services.
3756	Blidworth	62008 - Land at Rufford Colliery - Surrender of part for tree planting scheme and regrant of new Farm Business Tenancy	Surrender of part (16.82ha) of an existing Farm Business Tenancy to enable Nottinghamshire County Council new woodland creation under the UK Government's 'Trees for Climate Project.' The remaining part (9.23ha) of the tenancy is being re-let to the existing tenant on a new five-year Farm Business Tenancy, with a rolling 12 month notice provision to allow the remainder to be taken back for future years' planting.
3758	Stapleford and Broxtowe Central	01338 William Lilley Infant and Nursery - Cared 4 Ltd	A Deed of variation to extend the ground lease to Cared 4 Children's club for siting of portable building for Wraparound Childcare and storage unit.
3765	Southwell	Land at Riverside, Gunthorpe - New Lease	Terms agreed to lease land at Riverside, Gunthorpe to Gunthorpe Parish Council.

3770	Mansfield East	01951 Wynndale Children's Centre - Cherubs	The grant of a 5 year lease of the Children's Centre building to Cherubs Nursery for Early Years Childcare Provision with effect from 1 st September 2020 following expiry of their existing lease
3772	Sutton West	Fulwood View Unit 2, Huthwaite - Lease renewal	Approval for a lease renewal at Unit 2 Fulwood View, Huthwaite
3773	Newark East	Chuter Ede Primary School - Lease for Early Years Childcare provision to Balderton Pre School	The grant of a 5 year lease of the Early Years building to Balderton Pre School for Early Years Childcare Provision with effect from 1 st January 2021 following expiry of their existing lease.
3779	Balderton	John Hunt Primary & Nursery School- Academy Conversion	Conversion to Academy status
3780	Balderton	John Hunt Primary & Nursery School - lease of caretaker's bungalow	The grant of a lease of the caretaker's bungalow to Shine Multi-Academy Trust on a 10 year Contracted Out lease together with an option to renew for a further 10 years subject to the continued use of the property as a Caretaker's residence.
3784	Warsop	Meden Court Unit 2, Netherfield Lane - Lease Renewal	Renewal of a lease at Unit 2 Meden Court, Netherfield Lane, Warsop for a term of five years.
3740	Radcliffe on Trent	00095 Barrows Cottage, Bassingfield Lane - New Letting	The grant to the existing tenant a new 2 Year Farm Business Tenancy at a new market rent.
3793	Warsop	Western Power Easement - High Street, Warsop	An Easement has been granted to Western Power to cross Council land to access a substation at High Street, Warsop NG20 0BZ
3794	Keyworth	Willow Brook Primary School, Licence to WB's wraparound	To grant a new 4 year Licence of shared rooms and outside play area to Willow Brook's wraparound After School and Breakfast Club, following expiry of their existing agreement.
3801	Worksop North	James Hince Court - Proposed Demolition	Approved to progress with the demolition of James Hince Court with a view to the sites' sale for redevelopment with housing.
3799	Sutton Central and East	Fountaindale School - Conversion to Academy Status	Conversion to Academy status

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 for Recommendation

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

- 1) To update Members on the Operational Decisions taken December 2020 to February 2021.

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Leader of The Council

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 06/04/2021)

10. The report is for information purposes only. Members should consider if they have any questions on or require any further information about anything contained in the report.

Financial Comments (SES 06/04/2021)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None.

Electoral Division and Member Affected

- All.

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Properties affected: 09998 - Various NCC Properties/non-property item