

12 October 2015

Agenda Item: 6c

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY & ENVIRONMENT

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT WOBURN LANE, PLEASLEY HILL, MANSFIELD

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to enter into a contract for the sale of land at Woburn Lane, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield.

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 Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.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 exempt appendix.
3. The land at Woburn Lane is identified in the Authority's Capital Receipts Programme, with a target date of 2015/2016 for the receipt.
4. The site consists of former playing fields extending to 3.59 Hectares (8.87 acres).
5. A marketing exercise was undertaken by external agents between April and July 2015, and tentative offers were received. Best bids were then sought during August and five firm offers were received which are detailed in the exempt appendix.
6. The Farmilo Primary School and Nursery is adjacent to the site. It will be a requirement that the purchaser realigns the existing School boundary fencing to increase the School site area to allow further expansion of the School buildings in the future.
7. To comply with s.123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the County Council has given formal notice of its intention to dispose of the land. This notice was published in the local press in the two weeks preceding this Committee meeting. Any objection to the proposal or comments received will be reported to the Committee verbally.

Other Options Considered

8. Consideration was given to sale by auction however, at the time of going to market interest in development land in Mansfield was low and a sale by informal tender was felt to be the best way to market the site.
9. To retain the site but this would incur ongoing costs to the County Council i.e. fly tipping etc.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. The Authority has no strategic or operational requirement for the land.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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

To seek approval to enter into a contract for the sale of land at Woburn Lane, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield as detailed in the exempt appendix.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 23.09.15)

12. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (GB 21.09.15)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

14. 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.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Ward(s): Mansfield West

Member(s): Councillor Darren Langton, Councillor Diana Meale