

Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Oliver Donachie, Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity.

Subject Sale of Public Open Space adjacent 16 Medway Road, Greenmeadow, Swindon

Decision(s): - That the Head of Property Assets in consultation with the Director of Law and Democratic Services agree terms to dispose of the area of public open space adjacent to 16 Medway Road, Greenmeadow, Swindon. The sale will be subject to a covenant being contained within the transfer limiting the future use of the land to garden use only and the applicant receiving planning permission to change the use of the land from public open space to private residential use.

Consultation: The following Opposition Spokespersons / Ward Members have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are also summarised below:

Councillor David Renard is fully supportive of the proposal.
Councillors Garry Perkins and Oliver Donachie agree that the sale should proceed.
Councillor Stan Pajak has no objections.
Councillor Des Moffatt has not commented

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: **Councillor Russell Holland, Cabinet Member for Finance, and Councillor Keith Williams, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services**

Subject County Recreation Ground Improvements and Asset Transfer

- Decision(s): -**
1. That the Cabinet member for Corporate and Customer Services in consultation with the Interim Chief Executive, the Head of Property Services and the Ward members be authorised to determine the precise area to be the subject of the leases to organisations identified in the report in the Community Trust. The area of land shown edged red on the plan attached as Appendix 1 at the County Recreation Ground will be leased to the first organisation identified in the report and the area of land shown edged blue on the plan to the second organisation in the Community Trust.
 2. That the Cabinet Member for Finance approve the additional budget referred to in the report for the construction of the proposed development of a pavilion and full size FA artificial grass pitch at the County Recreation Ground funded from s106 Planning Agreement income.

Consultation:

The following Opposition Spokespersons / Ward Members have been consulted on the recommendations of the report and their responses are also summarised below:

Councillor Jane Milner-Barry comments that: "I have no objection to the granting of the 25 year leases as such. My objection is to the enclosure of part of this recreation ground so that it is no longer available to the public. I believe the Council's health and well-being agenda would be better served by leaving the area open to everybody for informal recreation and improving the drainage to make it usable for sport for more of the year".

Councillor Bob Wright comments that: "This potential decision removes the last playing field of five in the area. It reduces the type of free play possible for non-football users. It directly affects the amenity of the area and will disturb lives of those surrounding the area. It goes against the covenant which prohibits business activity on the land. Only a descendant of the original covenant has the power to change the use. A cabinet member nor the Council has the power. I believe the Council's interpretation is to support the administrations will rather than honouring the covenant.

Councillors Julie Wright and Junab Ali – no comments received.

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Decision Maker: Councillor Russell Holland, Cabinet Member for Finance

Subject Investment Property in Swindon - Acquisition

Decision(s): - That the Director of Law and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Head of Property Assets, be authorised to complete the acquisition of the freehold interest in the property identified at paragraph 3.1 of the Decision Note, on the terms outlined in paragraphs 3.4 to 3.8 of the Decision Note, and on such other detailed terms and conditions as he may agree in order to protect the Council's interest.

Consultation: The recommendations were considered at a meeting of the Commercial Investment Strategy CMAG on 17th July 2018 and approved. Councillor Kevin Small was in attendance.

Councillor Stan Pajak (Liberal Democrat spokesperson) was unable to attend the meeting but was invited to comment on the recommendations. No comments were received.

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Councillor David Renard, Leader of the Council
Subject	Authorise legal assistant to undertake court advocacy
Decision(s): -	That Ms Amy Scott, a Legal Assistant within Law and Democratic Services be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to prosecute or defend or to appear on the Council's behalf in proceedings before a Magistrates Court from 31 st July 2018.
Consultation:	Councillors Jim Grant and Stan Pajak have both indicated that they support the recommendation.
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Decision Maker:	Councillor Mary Martin, Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment and Councillor Russell Holland, Cabinet Member for Finance
Subject	Capital funding agreement regarding the White Horse Federation and St Luke's School
Decision(s): -	<p>That the Head of Education, in consultation with the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer), Director of Law and Democratic Services and the Head of Property Assets be authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To release up to £375k prior to completion of the academy conversation process to allow the WHF to commence immediate capital improvements to the school, the details of this will be formalised via a License to Alter entered into by both parties.• To agree a Funding Agreement with the WHF within the academy conversion documentation, on such terms and conditions as are necessary to protect the Councils' interests including that the balance of up to £425k cannot be drawn down until the WHF formally take St Luke's School into their academy chain.
Consultation:	<p>Councillor Carol Shelley raised a number of questions relating to the amount of funding required by the White Horse Federation. Councillor Shelley also suggested that partnerships could be developed with the UTC and Swindon College. Councillor Shelley also asked whether other funding streams had been explored which academy schools may have access to and how the White Horse Federation would be accountable.</p> <p>Councillor Claire Crilly raised a question concerning the predicted costs identified by the White Horse Federation in the appendices. Councillor Crilly also asked if the council could carry out the proposed works itself prior to handing over the school.</p> <p>Councillor Mark Dempsey does not feel that the report clearly explains why the investment has to be made by the council and not by the White Horse Federation or from the government. Councillor Dempsey also asked why such a level of investment is needed and how has the building fallen into such a level of disrepair. Councillor Dempsey also raised concerns about the management of the school.</p>
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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre
Subject	Swindon Museum and Art Gallery – Options Appraisal
Decision(s): -	Working with the Trust, officers lead an Options Appraisal exercise to inform the most appropriate and beneficial location for Swindon's Museum and Art Gallery, and that funding of up to an absolute maximum of £20,000 is approved. The appraisal will cover publicity, engagement and consultation on potential options and assessment criteria by the Trust, and the internal independent assessment of options by the Council's Architect.
Consultation:	Councillor Jane Milner-Barry and Councillor Stan Pajak both indicated their support of the recommendations.
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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre
Subject	Disposal of SBC Historical Items, components and Parts from the former Agricultural Store at Coate Water
Decision(s): -	Working with the Trust, officers lead an Options Appraisal exercise to inform the most appropriate and beneficial location for Swindon's Museum and Art Gallery, and that funding of up to an absolute maximum of £20,000 is approved. The appraisal will cover publicity, engagement and consultation on potential options and assessment criteria by the Trust, and the internal independent assessment of options by the Council's Architect.
Consultation:	Councillors Jane Milner-Barry and Stan Pajak have replied that they are happy with the proposals and keen that items could be requested by Swindon Heritage organisations and Swindon based groups or individuals interested in heritage
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