

Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Keith Williams, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services

Subject: Property Asset Transfers to Parish Councils

Decision(s): (1) That the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services authorises the grant of leases of the assets listed within Clause 3.6 and as shown edged red on the plans attached within Appendix 1, to the Parish Council, in which they are located.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services considers the objection to the proposed disposal of public open space, which was received and detailed in Clauses 3.7 to 3.8 of this report and authorises the Leases granted on such terms and conditions as agreed with the Interim Director of Law in order to protect the Borough Councils interests.

(3) That the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Customer Services authorises the transfer of the freehold interest of Allington Road Allotment as detailed within Clause 3.5 and as shown edged red on the plan attached as Appendix 2 to Central Swindon North Parish Council. The transfer will be on such terms and conditions as are agreed with the Interim Director of Law in order to protect the Borough Councils interests.

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

Rodbourne Cheney Ward

Cllr Des Moffatt - I am content with the proposal

Cllr Jim Grant - Happy for the assets to be transferred

Cllr Peter Watts - I am content with the proposals

Penhill & Upper Stratton Ward

Cllr Claire Crilly - I am in favour of the transfers to the parish of the play areas, recreation grounds, parks and community buildings listed. Thank you for the information on the allotment, it is good that they are still in use and being transferred to the Parish.

Cllr Teresa Page - If the new Parish Council is happy to take responsibility that's good enough for me. Thank you for the information on the allotment.

Gorse Hill & Pinehurst Ward

Cllr John Ballman - Gorse Hill and Pinehurst ward councillors agree that the assets listed should be transferred to the Parish

Cllr Carole Shelly - I have looked at the transfer of these assets. While I believe it is in the best interests of the community for these facilities to remain with SBC and to be maintained by them, I understand that this is not likely in the current financial climate. Therefore I, as ward councillor, agree to the transfer of leases to North Swindon Parish.

Mannington & Western Ward

Cllr Steph Exell - I am content with the proposed transfer of assets as detailed

Old Town Ward

Cllr Nadine Watts - I fully support the Town Gardens park and depot be transferred to the South Swindon Parish on a 99 year lease.

Central Ward

Cllr Bob Wright - I am in support of these transfers

Eastcott Ward

Cllr Stan Pajak - Thank you for this and obviously very keen to make this happen as soon as possible

Cllr Imtiyaz Shaikh - I am happy for the council to proceed with these asset transfers

Cllr Paul Dixon - I am happy for the council to proceed with these asset transfers as this will give the Parish Council and the community the opportunity to take responsibility and invest in improvements to these assets.

Ward Members were further consulted following the receipt of the objection and asked if they wished to amend previous comments or make any further comments, further comments are set out below:

Cllr John Ballman - I have discussed the transfer of assets from Gorse Hill and Pinehurst ward to the Central North Swindon Parish with my fellow ward councillors and we are still of the opinion that the asset transfer should take place and the cabinet member should overrule the objection as soon as opinion possible

Cllr Nadine Watts - I note the objection received while consulting on the proposed disposal of areas deemed to be public open space. However, as this objection doesn't seem to relate to the loss of public open space, I still support the transfer to the parish.

Cllr Paul Dixon - I support the transfer of the assets in my ward to the Parish Council and hope that the previously stated timescale can be adhered to.

Opposition Spokespersons Cllrs Stan Pajak, Des Moffatt and Kevin Small have been sent this report for consultation.

Cllr Des Moffatt has responded "The elected Swindon Borough Council members have all communicated their contentment with the proposals, I certainly have done so in the Central Swindon North area, including the independent".

Cllr Stan Pajak - As I indicated as a one of the local councillors I am supportive of the transfer

No response has been received from Councillor Small.

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance

Subject: Business Rates Retail Relief 2019/20 & 2020/21

Decision(s): That the Cabinet Member agrees the Retail Relief Policy as shown in appendix 1 and authorise the Head of Revenues and Benefits to implement this for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

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

Councillor Kevin Small - No comment received

Councillor Stan Pajak– No comment received

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Mary Martin, Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment

Subject: Relevant Area for Admission Arrangements 2020-21 and 2021-22

Decision(s): That the relevant area for 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years be determined in accordance with the details set out in the report.

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

Councillor Stan Pajak – responded that he was content with the recommendations in the Decision Note.

Councillor Carole Shelly was consulted but no comments were received.

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Brian Ford, Cabinet Member for Adults.

Subject: Adult Social Care Appointee Charging Policy

Decision(s): (1) That, with effect from 1st April 2019, a weekly fee of £5 be charged for appointees with assets over £1,000 and a one off fee of £135 be charged for the closure of deceased appointee and deputyship cases.

(2) That fees for future years be reviewed as part of the Council budget setting process.

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

Councillor R Ballman - I do not wish this members decision note to go to Cabinet. I hope the comments made by users will be taken into account and implemented on and with extra staff and residents buying the service it will improve.

Councillor S Pajak – No comment received.

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Notice of Decisions Made

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

Subject: Use of bus gates by Hackney Carriage vehicles for a trial period

Decision(s): (1) That the use of the bus gates by licensed Hackney Carriages, detailed in paragraph 3.2 , be agreed for a trial period of no greater than 6 months, and that officers undertake the relevant activities as prescribed by legislation to enable it to be implemented.

(2) That the bus companies are informed of the trial in advance of implementation.

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

The following opposition spokespersons/ward members have been consulted on the recommendations:

Councillor Steve Allsopp – No objections but queries the cost/benefit of the proposed experimental order.

Councillor Stan Pajak – No comment

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Mary Martin, Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment.

Subject: Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Capital Investment Strategy 2019/20

Decision(s): (1) That the draft Special Educational Needs and Disability Capital Investment Strategy attached at Appendix 1 to the report is approved following the consultation with stakeholders.

(2) That the Head of Education in consultation with the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) authorises to retain £60,000 of the investment strategy as an access fund for the Local Authority to commission low level adjustments to schools as set out in paragraph 3.10 of the report.

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

Councillor Stan Pajak - No Comment received

Councillor Carol Shelley – No Comment received

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Russell Holland, Cabinet Member for Finance and
Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for the Town Centre.

Subject: Swindon Town Centre – Aspen House site

Decision(s): (1) That the Cabinet Members for Finance and the Town Centre agreed the sale of the Aspen House site as identified in the plan attached as an Appendix to the report, under the terms set out in the body of the report.

(2) That the Head of Property Assets is authorised, in consultation with the Interim Director of Law and the Head of Town Centre Development to agree detailed terms of any relevant legal documentation required to support the sale of the site on such terms as are necessary to protect the Council's interests.

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

Cllr Bob Wright has advised

I object to this site being used for Hotel Use on the following grounds:

I have been involved in the whole process from purchase to the current draft decision note including the Masterplan sign off. When ward members were requested to support the purchase along with a number of shops there was a clear vision for use including a - permeable route to the rear of the development around Morley Street, a high rise housing/office/shop unit on the Aspen site. Drawings that were produced and were the basis of a Forward Swindon consultation. Attached is a copy of the consultation document.

This Hotel proposal does not allow permeability, does not answer the Towns housing crisis, does not match the Forward Swindon Consultation, does not match the outline planning consultation or permission. Simply put I do not believe this use is of benefit to Swindon over the next 30 to 40years. A similar use is being considered for Kimmerfields and is contrary to the spirit of the Masterplan.

This appears to be another situation where council is presented with a proposal which gets ward/council support based on a presentation and then the Administration comes back with a different use. This time instead of the decision going through council the decision note process is used. I believe this to be a misuse of the Decision note process as it is a different proposal to that which got support and was consulted on.

As an alternative this site should be considered as part of the SHELAA and that the council should consider use of its own Housing Company to deliver the original decision. My suggestion is the scale and type of development should match the

buildings opposite on Temple Street with Regent Street facing shop units. I do not believe this is beyond the capability of the Housing Company and is closer to both the Masterplan and previous Consultation.

I am concerned that short term financial expediency is being put ahead of quality and long term considerations. Whilst the financial return would be welcome we have to put Swindon's future first.

Cllr Julie Wright supported Cllr Bob Wright's comments.

No comments were received from Cllr Ali, Cllr Small and Cllr Milner –Barry.

Cllr Pajak advised that he supported the proposal

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Mary Martin, Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment, and Councillor Brian Ford, Cabinet Member for Adults.

Subject: Healthy Pupils Capital Fund Investment Strategy 2018/2019

Decision(s): (1) That the draft Healthy Pupils Capital Investment Strategy, attached at Appendix One to the report, is approved following the consultation with stakeholders.

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

Councillor Stan Pajak - No Comment received

Councillor Carol Shelley – No Comment received

Councillor Ray Ballman – No Comment received

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