

Central Bedfordshire Council

EXECUTIVE

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Disposal Sites

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This report relates to a Key Decision

Purpose of this report

1. The report addresses matters in connection with the disposal of land at Thorn Turn, Haynes, and Caddington. Details are set out in exempt Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked to:

1. **authorise the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Corporate Resources, to dispose of land at Thorn Turn, Haynes and Caddington; and**
2. **delegate to the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Assistant Director Legal Services(Monitoring Officer) and the Executive Member for Corporate Resources, the authority to negotiate the relevant contractual terms and to enter into the relevant contracts to enable these disposals to take place on best available terms.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. This matter has been discussed with the Chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and due to time being of the essence to agree terms for disposal, he was content that the item proceed to Executive.

Council Priorities

3. The proposed sales support the following Council priorities:
 - a. Provision of employment
 - b. Provision of homes
 - c. Enhancing Central Bedfordshire
 - d. Value for money (significant contribution to the Capital Receipts target supporting all Council Priorities).

Corporate Implications

Financial Implications

4. Substantial capital receipts will be generated in an accelerated timeframe; falling into the final years 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 to facilitate a number of the council's priorities and go towards achieving the council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

Legal Implications

5. The Council has a duty to obtain best value. The Council's legal team are engaged in preparation of advice and documents to facilitate the disposals.

Equalities Implications

6. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. Facilitating the timely development of employment and residential units will help ensure that demand for local housing and employment is met.

Public Health

7. None

Community Safety

8. Any issues in relation to employment and residential development will be dealt with via the planning process.

Conclusion and next Steps

9. Executive authorise the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Corporate Resources, to dispose of the land on best available terms.

10. Assets conclude negotiations with the parties to secure the land sales.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Exempt Report

Background Papers

N/A