
Meeting: Executive
Date: 22 April 2014
Subject: Outline Planning Thorn Turn
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources

Summary: This report seeks approval to pursue an outline planning application for the Thorn turn site for employment uses and explore potential synergies with the proposed new waste transfer facility. Following planning consent, this report also seeks permission to progress the disposal of the employment land.

Advising Officer: Deb Clarke, Director of Improvement and Corporate Services

Contact Officer: David Cox, Chief Assets Officer

Public/Exempt: Public, but with an exempt report setting out the commercial sensitivity details.

Wards Affected: Houghton Hall

Function of: Executive

Key Decision Yes

**Reason for urgency/
exemption from call-in
(if appropriate)** N/A

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

- Improved infrastructure – the promotion of key growth sites will contribute towards the delivery of new infrastructure.
- Enhancing Central Bedfordshire – the project will support the continuing redevelopment of the Dunstable and Houghton Regis area.
- Others as per the report on the Exempt report.

Financial:

1. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Legal:

2. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Risk Management:

3. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4. Not applicable.

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Public Health

6. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Community Safety:

7. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Sustainability:

8. Not applicable.

Procurement:

9. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Overview and Scrutiny:

10. This matter has not been considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Executive is asked to:**

1. pursue an outline planning application for the Thorn Turn employment land (Option 1); and
2. depending to the option decided, authorise the Director of Improvement and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources, to seek best consideration for the employment land (including timing of receipts 'Option 1b') through disposal on the open market.

Reason for Recommendations: Any amendment to the existing Deed of Easement may have a financial impact to the Council in excess of £500,000 and requires Executive approval.

Executive Summary

11. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Conclusion and Next Steps

12. As per the report on the Exempt report.

Appendices:

As per the report on the Exempt agenda