

Central Bedfordshire Council

EXECUTIVE

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Land at Saxon Drive and Sorrel Way, Biggleswade

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This report relates to a Key Decision

Purpose of this report

1. This report addresses matters in connection with the disposal of land at Saxon Drive and Sorrel Way, Biggleswade. Details are set out in exempt Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked to:

1. **authorise the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Education and Skills to dispose of land at Saxon Drive and Sorrel Way, Biggleswade on the best available terms.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. None

Council Priorities

3. The proposed action supports the following Council priorities:
 - Enhancing Central Bedfordshire
 - Protecting the vulnerable and improving wellbeing
 - Creating stronger communities
 - A more efficient and responsive council

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

4. The council has a duty to obtain best value. LGSS Law are engaged in preparation of advice and documents to facilitate the disposals.

Financial and Risk Implications

5. Substantial capital receipts will be generated from the disposal, with an initial payment expected in financial year 2018/19. This will help facilitate a number of the council's priorities and go towards achieving the council's MTFP.

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.
7. Facilitating the timely development of the extra care scheme will ensure that the demand for the care and support services for older people which this scheme can provide are met. The residential development will provide additional housing.

Public Health

8. None.

Community Safety

9. Any issues in relation to the Extra Care scheme or residential development will be dealt with via the planning process (the sites will require a detailed planning consent which will be obtained by the purchaser following disposal by the Council).

Conclusion and next steps

10. Executive authorise the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Education and Skills to dispose of the land on best available terms.

Appendices

The following Appendix is attached:
Appendix A: Exempt Information

Background Papers - None