

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

12 OCTOBER 2009

**Cabinet Minute 68  
of the meeting held on 28  
September 2009**

### **HOUSING STOCK TRANSFER**

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a written report together with a schedule of representations received in response to the Public Open Space Notices.

Cabinet Members were advised -

- (i) of three further representations from Councillors as follows -
  - (a) Councillors King and McDonald do not wish the land to be sold at Cremyll Street but would agree to a garden / planting or car parking for local use. They assume therefore that the land will transfer over to Plymouth Community Homes (PCH) rather than be sold off beforehand in which case they are confident that a community approach to the land in question would be taken by PCH in accordance with local wishes to not have the land sold;
  - (b) Councillor Berrow would rather keep this land within the Council ownership rather than anybody else in terms of potential land values for these sites at a later date and also to stop green spaces disappearing within the City boundaries when not accepted by the local population.
- (ii) that the wooded area at Pennycross (Plan 42) would probably not transfer but a final decision had yet to be made;
- (iii) that following the comments on land at Mirador Place (Plan 184), the plan had been amended and the position clarified;
- (iv) that negotiations were continuing on the liabilities and corporate impact of the transfer on the Council;
- (v) that following the Member briefing, a written response would be sent to all Members on the questions raised, together with appropriate maps;
- (vi) that the Minister required 14 days from the Council's decision to consider consent to the transfer.

Resolved that –

- (1) the latest position on the transfer negotiations and preparations was noted;
- (2) the Director for Corporate Support continues to exercise his delegated authority to finalise negotiations on the transfer agreement;
- (3) the representations received in response to the Public Open Space Notices and Councillors are noted;
- (4) approval is given to the disposal of open space to Plymouth Community Homes as recommended by the officers subject to the Council's approval on the stock transfer;
- (5) the City Council is Recommended to proceed with the transfer of the Council's housing stock to Plymouth Community Homes subject to the Council's final approval of the Valuation Agreement, the terms of the disposal contract and to the Council obtaining all necessary consent.

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*Note:*

*The full report in connection with this minute is available on the website  
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or by contacting Democratic Support on 01752 304867*