

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – F19 14/15

Decision			
1	Title of decision: Approval to proceed with disposal of public open spaces following consideration of objections received following notice of the intention to dispose of the land.		
2	Decision maker (Cabinet Member): Councillor Lowry, Cabinet Member for Finance		
3	Report author and contact details: Paul Palmer, Principal Surveyor, Land & Property Team. Telephone 01752 307882, email: paul.palmer@plymouth.gov.uk		
4	Decision to be taken: To proceed with the disposal of land at Prestonbury Close, Widewell, Longwood Close, Plympton, Hemerdon Heights, Chaddlewood, Shirburn Road, Eggbuckland and Woodway, Elburton having considered objections to the notice of intention to dispose of public open space.		
5	Reasons for decision: To support the Council's agenda of increased and accelerated housing delivery and outputs required to provide more decent homes supporting citizens to live and work in Plymouth. The Council aims to broaden the housing offer for the City by giving individuals the flexibility to design / build housing for themselves and to increase the land supply for self-builders. The Council has established a register of self-build interest which currently has 85 households interested in self-build and demand is growing steadily. The housing waiting list currently has over 10,000 households in need of affordable homes in Plymouth. The Council has committed to providing 1,000 homes per annum for the next five years. In order to meet this target additional sites must be identified for housing development. Whilst genuine concerns have been raised over using these sites for self – build housing it is felt that the urgent need for broadening the housing offer outweighs these concerns.		
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: To retain the land as public open space. This would result in fewer new homes being built.		
7	Financial implications: Should the sites be developed for housing, there is potential for the Council to receive additional income in the form of Capital Receipts from the sale of land together with other income, including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions, potential Section 106 obligations, Council Tax and New Homes Bonus. There will be a reduced maintenance liability in respect of the land following any disposal.		
8	Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes	(Key decisions are normally made by the Cabinet)
		No	X


9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the policy framework and/or budget:	<p>Corporate Plan 2013-17</p> <p>PIONEERING PLYMOUTH – A Council that uses resources wisely.</p> <p>GROWING PLYMOUTH – Making our City a great place to live by creating opportunities for greater investment with more homes. More decent homes to support the population.</p> <p>CARING PLYMOUTH – People are treated with dignity and respect. Development of this site for housing will provide more decent homes.</p>		
10	Is the decision urgent?	Yes		(If yes, ensure that the Chair of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board signs the report at section 11a and section 11b is completed <u>after</u> the sign off codes in Section 17 are completed)
		No	X	(If no, go to section 12)
11a	Signature			Date
	Print Name			
11b	Reason for urgency:			
Consultation				
12	Are any other Cabinet members affected by the decision?	Yes	X	(If yes, go to sections 13 and 14)
		No		(If no, go to section 15)
13	Which other Cabinet member is affected by the decision?	Councillor Penberthy, Cabinet Member for Co-operatives, Housing and Community Safety		
14	Please confirm that you have consulted this Cabinet member	Yes	(No is not an option)	
15	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest?	Yes		
		No	X	
16	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name and title	Anthony Payne, Strategic Director for Place	
17	Please include the sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DSO77 14/15	
		Finance (mandatory)	AF/CorpsF FD1415 024.04.02.15	

		Legal (mandatory)	22253/AC/4/2/2015							
		Human Resources								
		Land & Property	JW0044/15/02/04							
		IT								
		Procurement								
Other Information										
18	Is the decision in accordance with an Equalities Impact Assessment?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>(For further advice, contact Assistant Director for Safer Communities, ext. 4388)</i>						
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>							
Briefing report										
19	Is the briefing report attached?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No is not an option)						
	List (and include a hyper link to) <u>published</u> work/information used to prepare the report.	Plymouth Housing Land Supply http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/environmentandplanning/planning/planningpolicy/ldf/amr/adequatehousing/housinglandsupply.htm Plymouth Housing Requirement http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/environmentandplanning/planning/planningpolicy/ldf/amr/adequatehousing/housingrequirement.htm								
	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	If yes, prepare a second, Part II, report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box. (Remember to keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)								
			Exemption Paragraph Number							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Confidential/exempt briefing report title										
None										
Background Papers										
20	Please list all background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. A folder or a file should not be cited as a background paper, though individual items within the folder or file may be. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.									
Title		Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number						
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Comments received in response to approval to proceed with disposal of Public Open Space at five x self-build Housing Plots following consultation.	X						
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Cabinet Member Signature

21 I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, City Strategy, Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan.

Signature		Date of decision	06/02/2015
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Print Name	Councillor Mark Lowry
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