

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR PROPERTY

A meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee for Property was held on 4 December 2012.

PRESENT: Councillors D Budd (Chair), M Carr and C M Rooney

OFFICIALS: Michael Quinn and Sharron Brown

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor N J Walker

12/38 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2012**

That the minutes of the Executive Sub Committee for Property held on the 14 November 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a true record.

12/39 **NON-STRATEGIC ASSETS REVIEW - DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SITES - PARK END**

The Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities submitted a report that sought approval to consult with the community on residential development proposals for sites within the Park End Ward.

On 4 April 2012, Executive Sub-Committee for Property approved open market disposals of 6 of the residential sites to which the report referred as part of a review of non-strategic assets, with the proviso that opportunities for joint affordable housing schemes with Register Providers of Social Housing (RPs) was explored before the sites were marketed. It was also agreed that there would be appropriate consultation with ward members and the general public.

At the meeting of 22nd August 2012 the Executive Sub-Committee for Property considered (amongst other things) the outcome of this consultation process. The sites considered at the time and key findings were outlined within the report. The Sub-Committee was advised that a site at Kirkland Walk had been included for consultation as it was identified for potential disposal for residential development within a later phase of the review of non-strategic assets.

The Sub-Committee noted that two sites generated a substantial number of objections (Margrove Walk and Cornforth Walk). Respondents stated that these sites provided a safe area for children to play and they were well used for this purpose. Additional concerns included the potential for increased traffic, road safety issues and problems with parking as well as the concentration of sites in the Park End ward potentially leading to a cumulative loss of open space. Similar concerns had also been raised at the Park End Community Council. The Council received a 27-signature petition objecting to the development of the land at Margrove Walk, on the basis of the Commons Act 2006.

Given the representations made by residents, Ward Members and the Park End Community Council, the Sub-Committee suspended any decision on disposal pending a collective consideration of all housing development proposals for the sites.

It was noted that the actions described within paragraphs 8 to 13 of the report would ensure compliance with the Executive Sub-Committee for Property decision of the 22nd August 2012.

ORDERED

That a community consultation exercise as described within the report to inform further recommendations to the Sub-Committee in respect of the sites in question was approved.

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

The recommendation complied with the Executive Sub-Committee for Property decision of 22nd August 2012.

12/40 **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, ARE CONSIDERED URGENT.**

No other items of business were discussed.

The decision(s) will come into force after five working days following the day the decision(s) was taken unless the decision becomes subject to the call in procedures.