

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 22 November 2010

Decision No: (CAB 10/11 4932)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND WORKFORCE PLANNING
SUBJECT:	THE DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BROADLANDS ROAD AND RE-PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS AT BRICKFIELD ROAD
AUTHOR:	Ali Mew, Snr Valuation Surveyor

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve in principle the sale terms of the Broadlands Road allotment site to Southampton University, subject to Secretary of State Consent.
- (ii) To approve the conversion of the land at Brickfield Road into replacement allotment plots, subject to Planning Approval.
- (iii) To delegate authority to Head of Property and Procurement after consultation with the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods to take any such action as considered necessary to facilitate the conversion of the Brickfield Road site into allotments and for the disposal of the Broadlands Road site.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report is submitted for consideration as a General Exception under paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, notice having been given to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panel and the Public. The matter requires a decision following the recent conclusion of confidential negotiations with Southampton University.

1. The disposal of the Broadlands Road Allotments to Southampton University will enable the University to develop the Highfield Campus, to support the Universities academic activities.
2. The allotment site at Broadlands Road has been allocated within the University's Development Zone in the previous Local Plan, which is now imbedded in the Councils Core Strategy for an Educated City – Policy CS11.
3. The disposal of Broadlands Road Allotments will require Secretary of State' consent, one influencing factor in the Secretary's decision will be the re-provision of allotments and therefore the conversion of Brickfield Road will enhance the Councils ability to secure the Secretary's consent for the disposal of Broadlands Road.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Do not dispose of the allotment site – this inhibits the Universities ability to develop the Highfield Campus, the Universities main campus.
2. Do not provide replacement allotments – Government Guidance for the disposal of allotments requires the provision of suitable alternative allotments.
3. Dispose of the Brickfield Road Site for residential development – although the site is allocated in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, a conversion to allotments provides an opportunity to dispose of the Broadlands Road site to enhance the University’s growth and development.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council’s Scrutiny “Call-In” provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in <i>(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)</i>
Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>