

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate
Change held at 3.00 pm on Wednesday, 26 January 2022

Present:

Members: Councillor J O'Boyle (Cabinet Member)

Other Members: Councillor P Male (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Law and Governance:- O Aremu, S Bennett

Property Services and:- S Cooper, R Moon (Director)
Development

Public Business

17. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

18. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September, 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

19. Minor Land Disposals

The Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration considered a report of the Director of Property Services and Development which indicated that Council officers are continually reviewing the Council's land holdings. A number of sites have been identified that are either surplus to operational requirements, there is expenditure to maintain; or are subject to fly tipping and anti-social behaviour.

The sites, which were identified in the Appendix to the report, may have the potential to be developed as part of a wider development site, including commercial and garden land uses. The sites identified are currently used as pocket parks and do not have any strategic benefits for the Council to retain. The Council acting in its capacity as planning authority is in principle supportive of opportunities to promote urban regeneration throughout Coventry and notes that at least some of these sites may be acceptable in this regard subject to full consideration by the Council through the planning application process.

The preferred methods of disposal will be via auction, tender process or direct negotiation following expressions of interest depending on the specific circumstances of the sites. Council officers will continue to review the Council's

commercial property portfolio for opportunities to identify land and buildings that do not adequately contribute to the Council's corporate resource objectives and this may result in future reports recommending disposal in due course.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change:-

- 1. Declares the sites listed in Appendix 1 of this report surplus to the Council's requirements.**
- 2. Approves (subject to achieving best consideration that can be reasonably obtained) the freehold disposal of the sites identified in Appendix 1 of this report by the most appropriate means and on terms and conditions to be agreed.**
- 3. Delegates authority to the Director of Property Services and Development and the Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer), following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, to agree the final terms of the land transactions and complete the necessary legal documentation in order to formalise the disposal and collect the consideration obtained for the sale.**

20. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues.

21. Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business

There were no items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 3.20 pm)