



To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date Wednesday 1st April 2015

Subject: Management of Council Land

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To update Members on the progress made in respect of the Siskin Drive Gypsy and Traveller site and proposed next steps in order to achieve effective management of the site.

2 Information/Background

- 2.1 The Joint meeting of the Cabinet Members for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise and for Policing and Equalities on 10th March 2015 considered a report setting out the progress made in respect of the Siskin Drive Gypsy and Traveller site and proposed next steps in order to achieve effective management of the site.
- 2.2 The Cabinet Members requested that the report and recommendations be referred to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and the public report considered at that meeting is attached.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The recommendations approved at the Joint meeting on 10 March 2015 were as follows:
- 3.2 Recommendations:

Having considered this report and the attached Equality Impact Assessment, Cabinet Members are recommended to:

1. In order to achieve effective management and control of the Siskin Drive Caravan Site, to authorise the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with Cabinet Members for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise and Policing and Equalities to commence appropriate legal/enforcement action in respect of any licensees who do not comply with the terms of their licence agreements by 17 March 2015, and against any trespassers on the site.
2. Where costs are awarded in the favour of the City Council as a result of any legal processes to approve the pursuing of recovery of these costs at the discretion of the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with Cabinet

Members for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise and Policing and Equalities

3. Approve the submission of a renewed bid for funding to re-develop the site to the Homes and Communities Agency.
4. Give delegated authority for the Executive Director of Place in consultation with Cabinet Members for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise and Policing and Equalities to award the contract for the redevelopment of the site once the site is under effective management and control and subject to sufficient funds having been awarded by the Homes and Communities Agency.
5. To take full account of the Equality Impact Assessment and Welfare Assessment in considering the above recommendations.
6. A further report on progress made in relation to recommendations above be submitted to a Joint Cabinet Members meeting on or before 31 August 2015; with permission for an urgent meeting to be convened if required.
7. The report and recommendations to be referred to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for their consideration should they so desire.