

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 5 October 2016**

Present

Cabinet Member: Councillor J O'Boyle

Other Members: Councillor D Welsh (Deputy Cabinet Member)  
Councillor G Crookes (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: R Moon, A Walimia

Resources: S Bennett, J Sprayson

## **Public Business**

### **22. Declaration of Interests**

### **23. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 August, 2016 were signed and agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

### **24. Freehold Disposal of Sites**

The Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration considered a report of the Executive Director of Place appended to which were details of sites which were a mix of derelict, overgrown and non-operational sites which have no strategic benefits for the Council to retain. The Council, acting as planning authority, is in principle supportive of the regeneration of the identified sites subject to full consideration by the Council through the planning application process.

In addition to the sites for sale, the Council have obtained possession of 30 Handsworth Crescent, Eastern Green by an Order for sale from the County Court.

The preferred method of disposal the sites will be via auction, to guarantee the capital receipts which will be received in this financial year. The land that has been considered for "extended gardens" would be disposed to the adjacent and adjoining residents only.

The Cabinet Member noted that 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 resources with a view to submitting recommendations for disposal.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration:-**

**(1) Approves the freehold disposal of the sites identified in the report by auction or direct negotiation.**

**(2) Approves the freehold disposal of 30 Handsworth Crescent by auction following the County Court Order.**

**(3) Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Resources to complete the necessary legal documentation and collect the consideration for the sale.**

**25. 189 and 191 Princethorpe Way, Ernesford Grange - Authority to Dispose**

The Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration considered a report of the Executive Director of Place which indicated that the Council disposed of 193 Princethorpe Way, a surplus building then used as a day centre, for development as 10 residential dwellings in 2013. Two adjoining former staff dwellings (189 and 191) were retained in 2013 as they were then used operationally to meet the needs of clients of All Age Disabilities Services. The two dwellings are now empty and no longer required for operational use. They also require significant investment to bring them up to a reasonable standard of repair.

The report sought authority to the freehold disposal of these two remaining properties and to negotiate the sale to the developer that purchased the adjoining land at market value, for a comprehensive development of the site. If market value cannot be secured from that developer, it is proposed to market the properties by tender or auction.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration:-**

**(1) Approves a negotiated sale of the freehold interest in 189 and 191 Princethorpe Way to the purchaser of the adjoining land, at market value, or if that cannot be achieved, to market the properties by tender, auction or any other appropriate method.**

**(2) Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Place to conclude the terms of freehold disposal of these two properties, in accordance with paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of this report.**

**26. Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

**27. Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business**

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 2.20 pm)