

## RESOURCES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor David Elkin on 16 September 2014 at County Hall, Lewes.

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Councillor Pursglove spoke on items 4, 5 and 8 on the Agenda  
Councillor Whetstone spoke on item 4 on the Agenda

### 16. MINUTES

16.1 Councillor Elkin approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2014.

### 17. INTERESTS

17.1 Councillor Elkin declared a personal interest in Item 8 as he was a local resident to the properties being discussed. Councillor Elkin did not consider this to be prejudicial.

### 18. REPORTS

18.1 A copy of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

### 19. TRANSFER OF AREAS OF MANORIAL WASTE TO THE CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST

19.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval for the transfer of Manorial Waste associated with Ashdown Forest to the Ashdown Forest Trust.

## DECISIONS

19.2 RESOLVED to approve the transfer of plots of land shown on plans 1, 2, 4 to 12 and 14 to 18 to the Ashdown Forest Trust, to be managed by the Conservators of Ashdown Forest.

### Reason

19.3 To facilitate the effective management of the Manorial Waste shown on plans 1, 2, 4 to 12 and 14 to 18 to the benefit of Ashdown Forest, the land should be transferred to the ownership of the Ashdown Forest Trust.

### 20. FORMER GRAYS INFANT SCHOOL, WESTERN ROAD, NEWHAVEN

20.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to declare the property surplus to County Council requirements. Councillor Butler had contacted the Lead Member directly and requested that the disposal of the site be delayed until Spring 2015 to allow for the SEN provision review to be completed. The Chief Operating Officer confirmed that following further consultation with Children's Services, no identifiable need for SEN provision in this area was needed and this site was not required by Children's Services.

## DECISIONS

20.2 RESOLVED to (1) Declare the land and buildings comprising the former Grays Infant School, Newhaven surplus to the County Council requirements; and

(2) Delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to take all necessary steps and actions in connection with applying to the Secretary of State for consent to dispose of the former Grays Infants School in accordance with Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 ('S77 consent'), and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Academies Act 2010 ('Schedule 1 consent'); and

(3) Delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to agree all terms necessary to dispose of the site subject to S77 and Schedule 1 consent being given by Secretary of State on the basis the Council obtains the best price reasonably obtainable in line with s123 of the Local Government Act 1972; and

(4) Delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the use of the sale proceeds from the disposal of the site having regard to the criteria set out in 'Advice on the protection of School Playing Fields and Public Land' published by the Department for Education (November 2012).

### Reason

20.3 There is no further operational use or other Council requirement for this land .

## 21. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

21.1 RESOLVED – To exclude the public and press from the meeting for the remaining agenda item on the grounds that if the public and press were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## 22. CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

22.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to negotiate the purchase of assets for strategic purposes.

### DECISION

22.2 RESOLVED – to (1) approve the report; and

(2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and agree the purchase of the Council's freehold interests of St Mary's and St Marks House, Eastbourne, subject to the development of a business case that supports the purchase; and

(3) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to take any action, including agreeing the terms of and entering into any agreement he considers appropriate to give effect to or in consequence of recommendation 1 and 2