

Report to: **Lead Cabinet Member for Resources**  
Date: **28 October 2014**  
By: **Chief Operating Officer**  
Title of report: **Tillingham Avenue, Rye, amenity land disposal**  
Purpose of report: **To declare land at Tillingham Avenue surplus to Council requirements and request approval from the Lead Member for Resources to dispose of the land**

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**RECOMMENDATION – Lead Member for Resources is recommended to:**

- (1) declare amenity land at Tillingham Avenue, Rye surplus to the County Council's requirements; and**
- (2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and agree final terms of sale on the basis the Council obtains the best price reasonably obtainable in line with S123 of the Local Government Act 1972.**

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**1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 The site is a long narrow strip of amenity land with an area of 4,767m<sup>2</sup>. Declaring this land surplus to the Council's requirements and selling on the open market will generate a capital receipt and contribute towards funding of the Council's capital programme. The value of this receipt will be quantified following approval to declare surplus.

**2. Supporting Information**

2.1 The earlier sale of the former Thomas Peacocke School site and the forthcoming inclusion of Rye Community Primary School within the Rye Academy lease will leave an area of land as shown edged black on the attached plan (Appendix 1) comprising rough grassland and shrubbery with a public footpath running along its length

2.2 The land has been declared surplus by Children's Services Department. Other Council Departments have been consulted and no requirements have been identified.

2.3 The Local Member has been consulted. No concerns have been raised in respect to declaring the land surplus.

**3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation**

3.1 There is no further operational use or other Council requirement for this land. It is recommended that it be declared surplus to Council requirements and authority delegated to the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate the terms of the sale.

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LOCAL MEMBERS:

Councillor Keith Glazier

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

