

RESOURCES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor David Elkin on 28 October 2014 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor Keeley spoke on items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (see minute numbers 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29).

23. MINUTES

23.1 Councillor Elkin approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014.

24. REPORTS

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

25. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MOUNTFIELD AND WATLINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

25.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to declare land and buildings, comprising part of the former Mountfield and Whatlington CE Primary School, surplus to the County Council's requirements.

DECISIONS

25.2 RESOLVED to (1) declare land and buildings comprising part of the former Mountfield and Whatlington CE Primary School surplus to the County Council's requirements;

(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 land and buildings comprising part of the former Mountfield and Whatlington CE Primary 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');

(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 the 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

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

26. LAND EXCHANGE AT FORMER BEXHILL HIGH SCHOOL SITE

26.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to amend the terms of the land exchange at the former Bexhill High School site with Rother District Council.

DECISIONS

26.2 RESOLVED to agree the acceptance of £185,000 from Rother District Council and removal of the need for an overage agreement in the land transferred from the Council.

Reason

26.3 Rother District Council is now in the position to pay the Council the difference in value in the land exchange, negating the need for the overage agreement and the associated complexities of future negotiations.

27. LAND AT TILLINGHAM AVENUE, RYE

27.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought to declare amenity land at Tillingham Avenue, Rye surplus to the County Council's requirements.

DECISIONS

27.2 RESOLVED 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.

Reason

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

28. CORPORATE DEPUTYSHIP AND APPOINTEESHIP

28.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to charge a 'wind up' fee for the administration of a deceased clients financial affairs.

DECISION

28.2 RESOLVED to (1) approve the levying of a charge on deceased Appointee and Deputy clients' estates for the work associated with "winding up" their financial affairs; and

(2) approve the setting of the charge at £375.00, to be reviewed annually with the Business Services Department's other fees and charges as part of the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process.

Reason

28.3 The charge seeks to recover some of the costs associated with the administration of deceased clients financial affairs.

29. SKY LANTERS

29.1 Councillor Elkin considered a report by the Chief Operating Officer which sought approval to introduce a general ban on the launching of sky lanterns from County Council owned land and property.

DECISION

29.2 RESOLVED to (1) agree to banning the use of sky lanterns on Council owned and leased land and buildings; and

(2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to take any action he considers appropriate to give effect to or in consequence of recommendation 1.

Reason

29.3 It is commonly recognised that the launching of sky lanterns creates a significant fire hazard and threat to marine and wildlife.