

Report to: **Lead Cabinet Member for Resources**

Date of meeting: **25 November 2014**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title: **Disposal of Bynes Farm, Crowhurst.**

Purpose: **To authorise the disposal of the freehold interest of Bynes Farm, Crowhurst, Battle, TN33 9BY**

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**The Lead Member is recommended to**

- 1) approve the disposal of the freehold interest of Bynes Farm, Crowhurst, Battle; and**
  - 2) to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to negotiate and agree the 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. Background**

1.1 Bynes Farm consists of a principal dwelling, associated outbuildings and approximately 48 acres of land. The property was acquired in 2012 as part of the Bexhill and Hastings Link Road (BHLR) Project.

1.2 Part of the farm land will be used in the settlement with land owners affected by the BHLR.

1.3 Further exempt financial information is set out in a later agenda item.

**2. Supporting information**

2.1 The completion of the BHLR project is programmed for May 2015.

2.2 Where possible, negotiations with affected landowners are being sought for completion prior to completion of the BHLR project.

2.3 The disposal of the residual parts of the property, including the farmhouse and farm buildings, will take place following the completion of the BHLR project.

**3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

3.1 The Lead Member is recommended to approve the disposal of the freehold interest of Bynes Farm and to authorise the Chief Operating Officer to dispose of the property in order to meet the strategic requirements of the County Council.

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