



LEAD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

DECISIONS to be made by the Lead Member for Resources,
Councillor Nick Bennett

TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2020 AT 1.30 PM

CC2 - COUNTY HALL, LEWES

++ Please note, the Lead Member will not be present in person, but will take the decisions remotely ++

AGENDA

- 1 Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 11 March 2020 (*Pages 3 - 4*)
- 2 Disclosure of Interests
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct
- 3 Urgent items
Notification of any items which the Lead Member considers urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 4 Disposal of Land north of Bexhill on Sea (*Pages 5 - 8*)
Report by the Chief Operating Officer
- 5 Any non-exempt urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3
- 6 Exclusion of public and press
To consider excluding 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).
- 7 Annual write off of debts 2019/20 (*Pages 9 - 20*)
Report by the Chief Operating Officer
- 8 Any other exempt items previously notified under agenda item 3

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DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Resources, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 11 March 2020 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Philip Daniel spoke on item 4 (see minute 36)

34 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 28 JANUARY 2020

34.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2020.

35 REPORTS

35.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

36 RINGMER CHILDREN'S CENTRE

36.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Children's Services, together with comments of Councillor Philip Daniel, the Local Member.

DECISIONS

36.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) declare the Ringmer Children's Centre building surplus to the County Council's operational requirements;

(2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to enter into discussions on operational and service management arrangements with one or more public sector lead partners;

(3) delegate final terms to the Chief Operating Officer acting with the Director of Children's Services;

(4) subject to the above, seek de-designation of the Centre by written submission to the Department for Education; and

(5) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to secure best value terms for disposal or lease in accordance with s123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reasons

36.3 The revised Early Help Strategy reduced the number of centres that the Service required to deliver the service going forward, as agreed by the Lead Member for Children and Families on 7 October 2019. The proposal has the potential of securing the continuation of the service whilst removing an ongoing duty on the County Council.

36.4 The steps outlined at Minute 36.2 provide assurance of the continuation of services, and address the role of the Director of Children's Services and the risk of clawback of funds originally provided under the Sure Start programme.

Committee: **Lead Cabinet Member for Resources**

Date: **21 April 2020**

Title of Report: **Disposal of land north of Bexhill on Sea**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Purpose of Report: **To seek Lead Member approval to (1) declare the property surplus to the County Council's requirements and to (2) secure best value through a disposal to the adjoining landowner in order to reduce compensation due**

RECOMMENDATION: The Lead Member is recommended to:

- (1) declare the land north of Bexhill, surplus to the County Council's requirements; and**
 - (2) delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer to secure best value terms for a disposal in accordance with s. 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.**
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1. Background information

- 1.1 The Property comprises 8.05 acres of land acquired under the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road Compulsory Purchase Order 2009.
- 1.2 The land will be offered back to the party from whom it was purchased in order to reduce the level of financial compensation that would otherwise be due to the claimant.
- 1.3 The sale price will be negotiated and we anticipate a capital receipt.
- 1.4 The land acquired by the County Council includes adopted highway. Any land forming part of the adopted highway will be excluded from the disposal and retained for highway purposes.

2. Supporting information

- 2.1 A plan of the property (hatched) is attached in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Internal consultation with all departments has confirmed that there are no further service requirements for this property.
- 2.3 The Local Member has been consulted on this matter and raised no objection to the proposal.

3 Conclusion and Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1 The property offers no future operational use for the County Council and, whilst in our ownership, would continue to incur costs for maintenance.
- 3.2 It is recommended that this property be declared surplus to the County Council's requirements and terms for its disposal delegated to the Chief Operating Officer in accordance with the requirements of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972

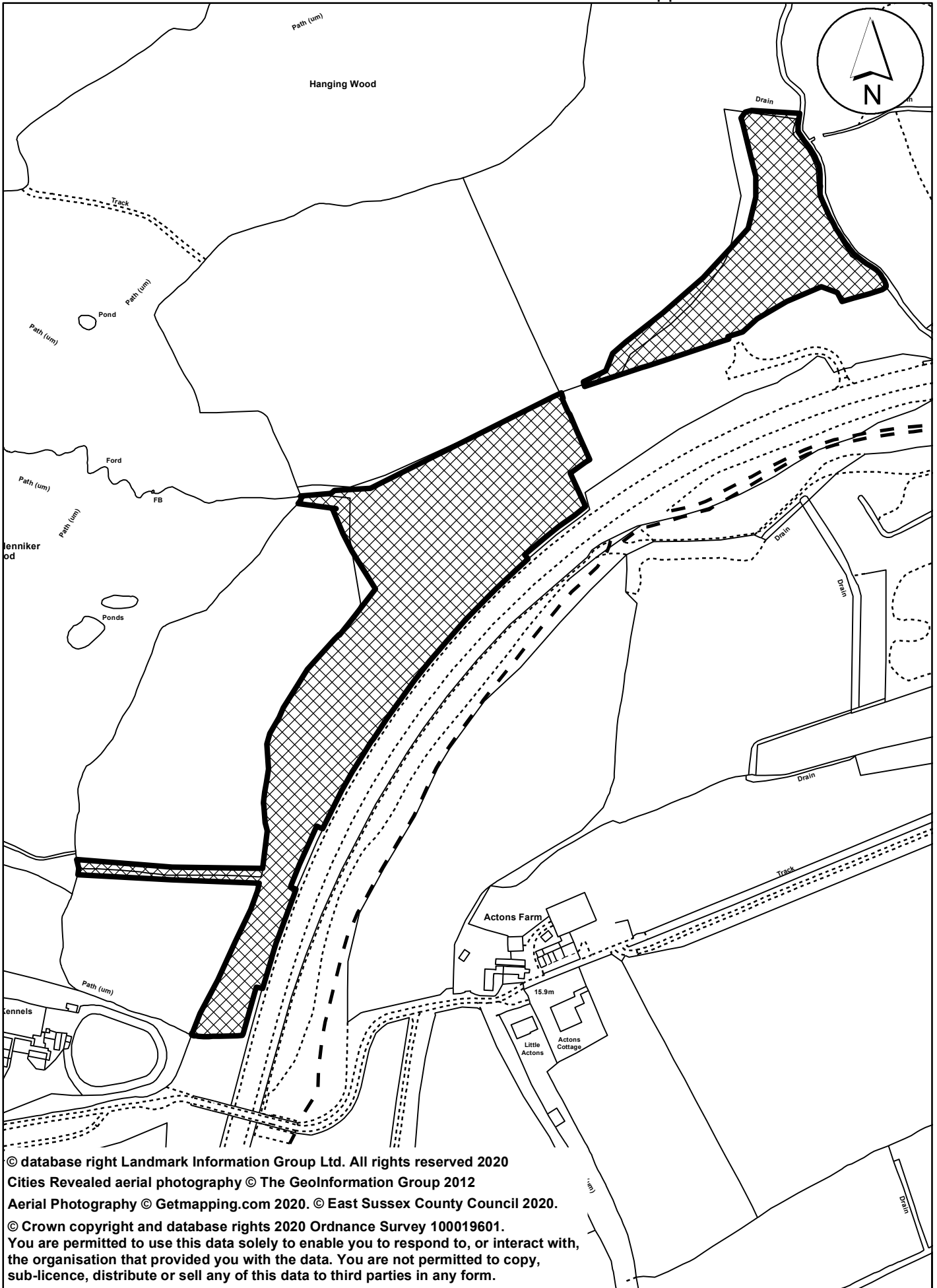
3.3 Any capital receipt from the disposal will contribute to the funding for the Capital Programme.

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Local Member: Councillor Michael Ensor

Background documents: None



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