

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.

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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Background documents: None