

LITTLE MARLOW COUNTRY PARK

Cabinet Member: Councillor Ms K Wood on behalf of Councillor Graham Peart

Wards Affected: All Wards

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PROPOSED DECISION

Acquisition of land on terms set out in Appendix A Section 12, with final details of the transaction to be delegated to the Chief Executive, Head of Finance and Commercial Services and Major Projects & Estates Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Members for Finance, and Community Services.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

To approve a supplementary estimate for the purchase of land detailed in Appendix A, section 1, not to exceed the figure set out in Appendix A section 12 once the final figure has been confirmed.

Reason for Decision

To secure the land referred to in Appendix A for the reasons set out in Section 1 of the Appendix.

Corporate Implications

1. The Council has the power under Section 120 of the Local Government Act 1972 to acquire land by agreement, inside or outside its area, for the purpose of any of its functions under the 1972 Act or any other enactment, or for the benefit, improvement or development of the area. In terms of funding, the proposal is to utilise balances held on bank deposit known as the Repairs & Renewal Fund, to gain a better return. The rental income would be credited to the fund and not the Council's revenue budget to support the funding the Repairs and Renewals Programme.

Executive Summary

2. It is proposed to acquire the land for sale by the vendor, for the reasons set out in Appendix A, sections 1 and 9.

Sustainable Community Strategy/Council Priorities – Implications

3. The purchase of this site will support the Place, People and Progress Council Priorities, for the reasons set out in Appendix A, Section 2.

Background and Issues

4. These are detailed in Appendix A

Consultation

5. See Appendix A, Section 16.

Options

6. These are detailed in Appendix A, Section 5.

Conclusions

7. The proposal is to acquire the site for the reasons set out in Appendix A, Section 1.

Next Steps

8. For the Major Projects and Estates Executive to negotiate the acquisition of the land. The bidding process has not yet been confirmed by the vendor.

Background Papers

9. None