

REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

TO: NELSON COMMITTEE

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LAND AT CARR ROAD, NELSON

PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Members to consider recommending the Executive to declare the land edged black on the plan surplus to requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this committee considers recommending the Executive to declare the land surplus to requirements in order for it to be disposed of for an alternative use.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To achieve a capital receipt and reduce liabilities.

BACKGROUND

1. The land is located in between Victoria Park and the M65 Motorway Bridge and is managed by the Council's Neighbourhood Services. It is used for short term uses which generate an income part of which is used to maintain the park. There has been interest from a number of parties to purchase the land with one a coach company who are looking to re-locate the business.
2. There is a ten year licence of the land to Taylors Funfair from March 2014 to hold a funfair on eight consecutive days each year at a fee of £2,000 which is increased by 3% each year. The land is also used by a circus each year for around 10 days at £500 per day and this year for approximately two months by Lancashire County Council at £125 per week for storage of machinery when doing road maintenance in the area. An income of £8,500 has been generated from the land this year to date.

ISSUE

3. If the land is declared surplus to requirements in accordance with the licence the Council will be required to serve 3 months notice on Taylors Funfair to terminate the agreement.
4. The planning designation of the land is open space and it is classified as amenity greenspace. As the land is open space when the proposed use of the land is known the Council will be required to place a notification in the local press for two consecutive weeks setting out the intended use and to consider any objections which are made. Any change of use of the land would also require planning permission.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The Council identifies surplus land and property for inclusion in its Disposal Programme to support its Capital Programme.

Financial: The disposal of the land will assist in a capital receipt and other budgets? for the Council and an end of all liabilities.

Legal: No legal implications are considered to arise other than as stated in the report

Risk Management: On disposal of the land the risks and liabilities for the Council will cease.

Health and Safety: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Sustainability: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Community Safety: See risk management

Equality and Diversity: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

APPENDIX

Location plan

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None