

**REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**TO: SPEICAL BUDGET EXECUTIVE**

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## **LAND AT CARR ROAD, NELSON**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval to progress negotiations for a potential disposal of the site to Lancashire Constabulary (PCC) whilst continuing to seek an alternative location for the fair and circus

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate terms with Lancashire Constabulary (PCC).

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To achieve a capital receipt and reduce all liabilities.

### **BACKGROUND**

The land is located in between Victoria Park and the M65 Motorway Bridge and is managed by the Council's Neighbourhood Services.

Reports were submitted to the Executive on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016, to a call in meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and to the Executive on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 where it was resolved that:

- 1) the land be declared surplus to requirements in order that it to be sold, leased or rented for an alternative use.
- 2) the Strategic Director be authorised to apply for planning permission for commercial use of the land and if this is granted the land be marketed for sale, lease or rent.

The Executive resolved in December 2016 that the fun fair and the circus be allowed to be held in 2017 and every effort is made to find an alternative site for 2018 onwards. To date, despite a review of Council land, no alternative site has been identified.

The land has been advertised on e-PIMS (register of land declared surplus by Public Bodies) for the requisite 40 working days. During this time Lancashire Constabulary (PCC) has expressed an interest in the site.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lancashire Constabulary keep the police estate under review to ensure it meets operational requirements to deliver policing to the public of Lancashire.

They are in the early stages of exploring a potential opportunity to invest in the site on Carr Road, Nelson to build a new briefing base which would ensure modern, fit for purpose premises are available to deliver policing in the Pendle area for the future.

Any negotiations with the Constabulary will be subject to approvals from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## ISSUE

1. Any alternative use would require planning permission
2. The Council would be required to advertise the disposal of open space and to consider any objections which are made

## 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 provide a capital receipt and end Council 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

8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Report to Executive and minutes

20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Call In Meeting and minutes

16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Report to Executive and minutes