

REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TO: EXECUTIVE

DATE: 15th MARCH 2018

Report Author: Stephen Martens
Tel No: 01282 878935
E-mail: stephen.martens@liberata.com

LAND AT THOMAS STREET, COLNE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Executive of a request made to purchase the Car Park at Thomas Street. The adjacent works premises is being considered for purchase by a local business but they require dedicated parking/storage (planning permission will be required). If the scheme goes ahead it will provide premises for a small business and local employment. A decision is necessary to progress an offer received for the land and dispose of the Council's freehold interest by private treaty, subject to planning.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive authorise the private treaty disposal and accept the offer received for the land.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To bring an asset that has been declared surplus back in to a beneficial use, achieve a capital receipt and reduce all liabilities for the Council

BACKGROUND

1. At a meeting of the Executive on 23rd October 2014 it was resolved that land at Thomas Street be declared surplus to the Council's requirement.
2. The land has not been actively marketed but was considered by Together Housing as a potential development site in 2014 but was not taken forward. The site has not been considered viable for residential use and the proposed Car Park for the adjoining works premises could be considered the most appropriate use.

ISSUE

3. The land is laid out with 11 parking spaces and used as a long stay car park by residents. Any cars which would normally be parked in the car park will be displaced to nearby streets.

4. The Council has received an offer of £13,500 (Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred pounds) to purchase the freehold for car parking/storage in conjunction with the adjacent works premises. The Council may wish to impose restrictions on future uses.
5. Any alternative use or layout of the Car Park may require planning permission which may contain conditions.

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 or 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

23rd October 2014 Report to Executive