

REPORT FROM: Director of Resources

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

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Potential Asset Transfers

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider a request from Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council that Pendle Borough Council (PBC) transfer the Laneshaw Bridge Garage site to the Parish Council, and make recommendation to the Executive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Recommend that the Executive do not transfer the Laneshaw Bridge garage site to Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

(2) The Laneshaw Bridge garage site generates an income of £1,760pa and may have future development potential.

ISSUE

A request has been received to transfer the above asset to Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council.

Laneshaw Bridge Garage Site:

In January 2024 the Parish Clerk for Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council wrote to investigate the options of an asset transfer for the garage site off Kingsley Road, Laneshaw Bridge.

Property Services were asked to comment on the request.

The response was that the site is one of the fifty PBC owned Managed Garage sites.

There are 8 permanent garage sites and 42 sites which are let with individual plots that are PBC assets. (583 plots throughout the Borough).

The Laneshaw Bridge site has 16 plots, all 16 plots are let (Nos1-8, 8A-15) (with 11 individuals on the waiting list). The lessee rents the land only, providing their own garage structure. The current fee is charged at \pounds 110.00 + VAT per annum, totalling \pounds 1,760.00 + VAT.

The approach previously taken was that income generating assets (which the garage sites are) where not to be considered for transfer in order to maintain an income stream to support Services.

The decision should also be informed by the Councils Asset Management Strategy and align with the Councils aims and objectives, as the site may have future development potential.

PBC's Member Asset Management Working Group met in September and agreed not to recommend the transfer.



IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The Council has made a decision to investigate transferring none income generating assets to Town/Parish councils.

Financial: If Members accept the recommendations there are no financial implications for the Council.

Legal: None directly arising from this report

Risk Management: None directly arising from this report

Health and Safety: None directly arising from this report

Sustainability: None directly arising from this report

Community Safety: None directly arising from this report

Equality and Diversity: None directly arising from this report

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Laneshaw Bridge Site Map