

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION
CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING & PLANNING,
CABINET MEMBER CORPORATE STRATEGY & FINANCE

ITEM:	REVISED OPTION APPRAISAL FOR THE MADLEY TRAVELLER TRANSIT SITE
Date of Decision:	Thursday 19 September 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To amend a non-key decision made on the 11 th April 2013, in respect of an option appraisal for the Madley Traveller Transit site.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) The Madley Traveller site be sold on the open market as soon as possible with the intention that it reaches its full market value and its disposal is not constrained by having to secure any necessary consents for the provision of an alternative site prior to its sale; and</p> <p>(b) It is agreed that as a long term solution, officers should seek to find a suitable alternative transit site as soon as reasonably practicable with the full receipt from this sale being used to fund any development with an intention to meet any shortfall via a government grant or via a capital bid application.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The site is currently derelict and is unused, but has potential for business use development. A local business has expressed an interest in wishing to develop this site and relocate part of its business there. Putting this site on the open market without the requirement to have found a suitable alternative first, will expedite matters and allow such businesses or other interested parties to make a competitive bid within the near future. This will help promote economic growth and will support both the local economy and local business.
Options Considered:	<p>A decision is made not to put the Madley Transit site on the market and to keep the status quo.</p> <p>A decision is made to convert the Madley Transit site into a residential council-owned site of up to 17 pitches, as planning permission would not be required. Such a site need not be council owned/managed and could be privately owned through directed sale. The Council could market the site for this purpose</p>

	<p>to meet needs, but at nil cost to the Authority, as no on-going maintenance to the Council would be required.</p> <p>A decision is made to reduce the size of the Madley site by selling a proportion of it whilst retaining the remaining area as either a transit site or a residential council-owned site.</p> <p>The disposal of the Madley transit site is made dependent on securing an alternative site first.</p> <p>A decision is made to sell the Madley Transit site and not to pursue an alternative location to relocate it to.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)</p>	
<p>Date the decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>25 September 2013</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON :..... Date: Thursday 19 September 2013 CABINET MEMBER CORPORATE STRATEGY & FINANCE</p>
<p>COUNCILLOR RB HAMILTON :..... Date: Thursday 19 September 2013 CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING & PLANNING</p>

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	No response received
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	N/A
If no any comment(s) to be noted	N/A
Date original decision took effect:	25 September 2013