

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL
20 July 2023
CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS (Items Exempt from Publication)

Recommendations to Council Made at the Cabinet meeting held on 20 July

(a) Possible Purchase of Site A

Site A is a c34 acre site that has come to market. The site is privately owned, however it has been used as a public open space since 2018 and has become well used and appreciated by local residents and those who travel from further afield. The report highlights the benefits to the acquisition of the site, and acknowledges the increased ongoing revenue costs as a result. The report, and the confidential appendix set out the basis on which the purchase would be made.

Cabinet are to consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture & Green Spaces immediately before this Extraordinary Council Meeting. The Cabinet are recommended to approve the acquisition of the site, subject to the approval of the allocation of funding by the Council. As such, Cabinet are recommended to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

Approve the allocation of funds for the acquisition of Site A subject to the Limit.

REASONS

- i) To ensure the successful acquisition of Site A.
- ii) There are community and environmental benefits to acquiring Site A, in particular ensuring that a site that has become a well-used public open space, continues to operate as such.

(b) Possible Property Purchase – Horsham

Property A is a building that the Council has the opportunity to purchase. The building has the potential for a variety of uses, such as light industrial use, community use, or as a potential medium to long term residential development. The report, and the confidential appendix set out the basis on which the purchase would be made.

Cabinet are to consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Local Economy & Place immediately before this Extraordinary Council Meeting. Cabinet are recommended to approve the acquisition of the site, subject to the approval of the allocation of funding by the Council. As such, Cabinet are recommended to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

That a capital budget of Figure 2 is allocated to the capital programme in 2023/24 for this purchase.

REASON

To allow a purchase of the property to proceed.