

HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2013

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 January 2013. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Ian Senior.

1. **LONGSTANTON: DISPOSAL OF LAND OFF HADDOWS CLOSE**

The Housing Portfolio Holder agreed

1. to offer the freehold of the area hatched red on the plan attached to the report to Longstanton Parish Council for £4,000 for allotment use and to keep that option open for 12 months
2. to transfer the area hatched blue on the plan to Longstanton Parish Council at Nil cost also for allotment use.
3. That South Cambridgeshire District Council should pay its own legal costs as well as those of Longstanton Parish Council
4. That, if after 12 months Longstanton Parish Council had not taken up the offer to buy the land hatched red on the plan, that land should be offered for sale to the occupiers of no. 21 Haddows Close, Longstanton for use as garden land, each party to pay their own legal costs.

Other Options Considered:

Option One – Transfer the freehold of the area hatched blue on the plan to Longstanton Parish Council at nil cost for allotment use and offer the area hatched red for sale to 21 Haddows Close at the price of £4,000 for garden use.

Option Two – Transfer the freehold of the whole area of surplus land to Longstanton Parish Council at nil cost for allotment use.

Option Three – Offer the whole area of surplus land for sale to 21 Haddows Close, at the price of £8,000 for garden use.

Reason For Decision:

The land is surplus to Council requirements as it has no potential for development.

By transferring some of the land to the Parish Council and selling the remainder, the Council will receive a financial return for the land as well as allowing some for community use.

2. **GT CHISHILL, TRANSFER OF TRACK AT WALLER'S CLOSE**

The Housing Portfolio Holder agreed

1. to transfer the freehold of the track at the end of Waller's Close, Great Chishill at Nil cost to the owner of the rabbit sanctuary land at the rear, following repairs paid for by South Cambridgeshire District Council to the track surface, the transfer to include a covenant restricting the use of the track to serve the rabbit sanctuary only.
2. that, should the track be used in future for commercial or housing development on private land rather than solely for charitable purposes, the owner must apply to South Cambridgeshire District Council for release of the restrictive covenant. If

this is agreed, it will be subject to the owner paying to the Council any increase in the value of the access from Waller's Close.

Other Options Considered:

Option One – Retain track in SCDC ownership

Option Two – Following repair of the track, transfer the freehold to the owner of the rabbit sanctuary land at nil cost

Reason For Decision:

The track is currently the Council's responsibility to maintain but its only vehicular use is by employees of and visitors to the rabbit sanctuary. It is used by the occupiers of 3 – 7 Waller's Close for pedestrian access to the rear of their properties only.

By transferring the track to the owner of the rabbit sanctuary land, all future maintenance would become his responsibility

The track is surplus to Council requirements