

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Economic Development Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 September 2015. 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. **HERITAGE GUARDIANSHIP SITES: LANDBEACH TITHE BARN, EAST HATLEY CHURCH AND SAWSTON TANNERY DRYING SHED**
 1. In relation to the Landbeach Tithe Barn, the Economic Development Portfolio Holder
 - (a) agreed the draft Heads of Terms in Appendix 1, to form the basis of a lease with the Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust, subject to acceptable terms and Conditions; and
 - (b) authorised officers to send a Letter of Intent to the Shadow Trust
 2. In relation to the Sawston Tannery Drying Shed, the Economic Development Portfolio Holder
 - (a) Noted the grant offered by Historic England for repair works;
 - (b) endorsed enforcement action subject to appropriate authority and identification of the required funding;and
 - (c) instructed officers to arrange a site visit for the Portfolio Holder, local Members and other interested Members.
 3. In relation to St. Denis Church, East Hatley, the Economic Development Portfolio Holder noted that legal work was continuing for its transfer y to the Friends of Friendless Churches.

Options Considered: The recommended option for the Landbeach Tithe Barn is to issue a Letter of Intent to lease the barn to the Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust in order that the shadow trust may apply to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and then apply for grant aid.

An alternative option is for the barn to be sold with residential planning consent.

The recommended option for the Sawston Drying Shed is to serve the owner with an urgent works notice to carry out the necessary works, outlined in the schedule. If the owner does not respond then the Council would carry out the work on their behalf under section 54 Listed Building Act 1990 and claim the cost of the work under Section 55. This is seen as a short-term solution, in order to slow down the deterioration of the condition of the building. This will allow more time to work with the owner or third party to find a medium / long-term solution for the heritage asset. This option is subject to identification of the balance of funding.

The alternative option is to not proceed and risk the complete loss of this heritage asset within the near future.

Reason For Decision: To keep the Portfolio Holder informed regarding Heritage sites, and enable related activities to continue.