

North Tyneside Council

Report to Cabinet

Date: 11th March 2012

ITEM 7(e)

Title: Land at the Junction of Trewitt Road and Victoria Terrace, Whitley Bay.

Portfolio(s):	Cabinet Member(s):
The Elected Mayor Finance	Mrs Linda Arkley Councillor Judith Wallace

Report from Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

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Wards affected: Whitley Bay

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

Cabinet were presented with a report on 11th February 2013, regarding a number of Council owned properties identified for consideration as being surplus to requirements and available for sale.

This report provides supplementary information relating to one of the properties which is an area of Land at the Junction of Trewitt Road and Victoria Terrace in Whitley Bay.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet:-

put this matter on hold to allow for engagement with local residents to consider what other options may be available to secure more productive use of this site and report back to Cabinet in due course.

1.3 Forward plan:

It has not been practicable to give 28 days' notice of this report. However, it is required to be considered at the meeting of Cabinet on 11th March 2013 to enable Cabinet to fully consider the matter, in the light of Ward Member concerns expressed.

1.4 Council plan and policy framework:

This report may be relevant to the following theme within the Council Strategic Plan 2012-2015:

Priority 4 – Introducing new income streams to maximise the benefits of our assets, not dispose of them forever.

1.5 Information:

The Council owned land at the junction of Trewitt Road and Victoria Terrace in Whitley Bay comprises a small public space that is grassed and surrounded by a boundary wall with two pedestrian gates providing public access. The Whitley Bay Ward Councillors have expressed their concern about the proposal to dispose of the land because they consider it to be a valuable piece of green public space within a built environment.

With this in mind, it is proposed to put the matter on hold to allow for engagement with local residents to consider what other options may be available to secure more productive use of the site and report back to Cabinet in due course.

1.6 Decision options:

1. To progress the disposal of the property in accordance with authorisations agreed by Cabinet on 11th February 2013.
2. To put the matter on hold to allow for engagement with local residents to consider what other options may be available to secure more productive use of the site and report back to Cabinet in due course.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

The recommended option, option 2, is considered the best way to respond to local concerns that have been raised.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1: A plan of the site shown by bold outline.

1.9 Contact officers:

Niall Cathie – Strategic Property – 0191 643 6517
Alison Campbell - Finance Business Manager – Tel:0191 643 7038

1.10 Background information:

Property ownership records.

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PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However any financial implications that may be associated with options considered in respect of the land will be included as part of a future report for consideration by Cabinet.

2.2 Legal

All normal and relevant procedures and legal requirements will need to be followed when considering available options for the land.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

Internal consultation has been undertaken with relevant officers, Cabinet Members and Ward Councillors. As a result of this consultation further engagement with local residents is proposed.

It is proposed to engage with local residents regarding options for the future use of the site. The outcome of this engagement will result in a further report to Cabinet.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights issues arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from the report.

2.6 Risk management

At this stage, it is felt no specific risk needs to be added to the Directorate risk register.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no direct environmental and sustainability implications arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive X
- Strategic Director(s) X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Strategic Manager, Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communications X

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