

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED LAND TRANSFER BETWEEN NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL AND NEWARK TOWN COUNCIL

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To agree a proposed land transfer between the District Council and Newark Town Council.

2.0 Background

2.1 Newark Town Council wishes to construct new staff and vehicle accommodation in Newark Cemetery and discussions have taken place with the District Council with a view to extending the current boundary which runs adjacent to Sparrow Lane to align with the new cycle track that has recently been constructed. This would provide the Town Council with a small but useful strip of additional land which would assist in providing suitable space for the proposed new facilities.

2.2 The area of land is shown edged red on the **attached Plan 1**.

2.3 At the same time the District Council are progressing proposals for the redevelopment of the area around Lincoln Road playing fields as part of the Bridge Ward Regeneration Project and have approached Newark Town Council with a view to their transferring a parcel of land at Lincoln Road playing fields to the District Council as shown edged red on the **attached Plan 2**. The site was transferred from the District to the Town Council in 1989 with a covenant that it be used for allotment purposes only. The covenant was subsequently varied in 2009 to permit its use for allotments or for recreational purposes (playing field use) only.

2.4 The land is effectively incorporated into the wider Lincoln Road playing fields and is not used for allotment purposes.

2.5 The land has a nominal value to the Town Council given the covenants restricting its use of which the District Council has the benefit.

2.6 It is recommended that the two sites are effectively swapped at no cost to either Council with each party meeting its legal and other associated costs in relation to the proposed transfer.

2.7 Approval by Newark Town Council to the proposed land swap was given on 18 April 2018.

3.0 Equalities Implications

3.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the report. The proposed new facilities would be fully accessible.

4.0 Implications on Budget/Policy Framework

As the two sites are being effectively swapped at no cost, there are no budgetary implications.

5.0 Comments of Director of Resources and s151

5.1 As per paragraph 2.6, no costs will be incurred in this land transfer. However, once the transfers take place, the Council's Asset Register will need to be updated with the disposal and addition accordingly.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) a strip of land between Newark Cemetery and Sparrow Lane as shown edged red on the attached plan 1 be transferred to Newark Town Council in consideration for the transfer by Newark Town Council to the District Council of the parcel of land at Lincoln Road playing fields shown edged red on the attached plan 2; and**
- (b) each party bear their own legal and other associated costs in relation to the proposed transfers.**

Reason for Recommendations

To facilitate a land swap that would benefit both authorities.

Background Papers

Nil

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