

Appendix 5 – Item: Pre-Decision Scrutiny: Progress update on tranche 1 asset disposals, seeking approval for tranche 2 of asset for disposal and approval of the update of the Community Asset Transfer Policy

Considered by Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 21 November 2023

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SOC.20.23/24	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends that there is preliminary engagement with existing tenants on the possibility of an asset being identified for disposal before any report identifying assets is published.	Councillor Jason Cummings Resources	<p style="text-align: center;">Already In Progress</p> <p>The Council does advise tenants in advance of sales being published. This was undertaken successfully with the Tranche 1 disposals list. On the matter of Tranche 2, given that the only Scrutiny meeting date available was November 21st (3 weeks in advance of the planned Cabinet meeting scheduled for December 6th), the Scrutiny report had to be brought forward to meet this date. The disposals list was finalised on November 17th and published on November 20th; this was a day before the Scrutiny meeting. The property team worked at pace during the Monday and Tuesday before Scrutiny to try and contact all tenants on the list. It should also be noted that the Tranche 2 list did include the following wording; -</p> <p><i>‘To be sold, with lease to current tenant in place’</i></p> <p>The property team are continuing to work with organisations and tenants of the properties about any proposals and will work with them throughout the process to avoid any unnecessary concern. Each sale will be handled on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with relevant partners.</p>	Huw Rhys Lewis, Interim Director Commercial Investment & Capital	N/A	N/A	TBC

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SOC.21.23/24	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends that local councillors are informed, prior to publication, that an asset in their ward will be listed for disposal.	Councillor Jason Cummings Resources	<p style="text-align: center;">Rejected</p> <p>Ward councillors are already informed on potential disposals in their ward through the issue of Cabinet papers before decisions on disposals are taken. For this reason, no further action or change is required</p> <p>It is important to note and understand that advance notice prior to publication is likely to prejudice the Council's ability to formally market these properties for sale and to secure best considerations for the properties in question.</p>	Huw Rhys Lewis, Interim Director Commercial Investment & Capital	N/A	N/A	TBC