

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Finance

Date: 13 April 2015

Decision in the matter of: Transfer of Assets for Community Use

- Decision:**
1. That approval be given for the following assets to be prioritised for approval to transfer, and that reports on their transfer be prepared and considered by the Portfolio Holder as a priority.
 - a. Audlem – Car park, playing field and play ground and land at rear of Audlem public hall.
 - b. Bollington – Atax Field, Bollington Cross
 - c. Middlewich – Brine Pump
 - d. Poynton – Anson Museum
 - e. Knutsford – Town Council Offices
 - f. Nantwich – The Gables
 - g. Sandbach – Wheelock playing fields/public conveniences
 2. and work continue with Town and Parish Councils to confirm their interest in these assets and other assets where requests for their transfer remain outstanding, to then fully assess the remaining asset transfer requests, and prepare reports for consideration by the Portfolio Holder as appropriate

Background: In September 2011 the Cabinet approved a list of 49 possible asset transfers 37 of which have been completed with the remaining 12 currently being under consideration by the relevant town and parish councils. In 2011 further requests for asset transfers were received and it was agreed that these be considered by the Portfolio Holder on a case by case basis.

A decision now needs to be made on outstanding expressions of interest in order to then prioritise work and progress requests. Using an asset scoring matrix 7 of these sites had been identified as priority based on expected community benefits with each representing an excellent opportunity for local communities to fulfil their ambitions to improve local services and increase benefits for their local communities. The report detailed the seven sites gave an estimated of when a report might be available for decision by the Portfolio holder.

Background Documents: Can be inspected by contacting the report author.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Don Stockton (Cabinet Member for Finance)

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**Advising
Officer:**

Signed
Kirstie Hercules (Principal Manager Partnerships and Communities)

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Decision in the matter of: Transfer of the Gables , Nantwich

Decision: That approval be given for the property known as The Gables, Nantwich, together with the land used for car parking, shown edged in red and hatched on the plan attached to the report, to be sold to Nantwich Town Council for a consideration of £1 which is less than the best consideration.

Background: The Gables has a long association with Nantwich residents and been used as a community venue for over 50 years, providing lunches and housing various voluntary groups. Its use is limited now and moving it to more local ownership, will enable it to be better utilised, or sold as part of a local review and work to develop Community Hubs in Nantwich. A network of Community Hubs in Nantwich will ensure that assets are sustainable and that they work together to provide the right services, in the right places, at the right times.

The property is currently occupied by two tenants, a Luncheon Club on the ground floor and the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) on the first and second floor. The CAB is moving into Nantwich Library in May 2015, leaving just the Luncheon Club. The proposal is that the Luncheon Club will remain in occupation as a tenant of Nantwich Town Council until they decide to relocate.

Approval is sought to transfer the freehold title of the property and its associated car parking to Nantwich Town Council.

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Councillor Don Stockton (Cabinet Member for Finance)

Date: 13 April 2015

**Advising
Officer:**

Signed
Paul Carter (Senior Valuer)