

# DECISION NOTICE

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

**Decision maker:** Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Assets with the Portfolio Holder for Communities

**Date:** 14 September 2015

**Decision in the matter of:** Land off Maggoty Lane, Gawsworth

**Decision:** Subject to the response to public space advertisements, to transfer the long leasehold of land known as Land off Maggoty Lane, Gawsworth, Macclesfield, Cheshire, shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, to Gawsworth Parish Council for a nominal value on the terms stated and such other terms as may be agreed by the Property Services Manager in consultation with the Head of Legal services and Monitoring Officer.

**Background:** An approval was sought to transfer land known as 'Land off Maggoty Lane, Gawsworth' to Gawsworth Parish Council, in line with the agreed policy for the transfer of assets and devolution of services to town and Parish Councils.

In 2012 Gawsworth Parish Council acquired an area of woodland on Maggoty Lane to create an area of public open space. This has been incredibly popular and is well used and is adjacent to the land in question. The Parish Council have now approached the Council to see if the Council will dispose of the land in question to enable it to enhance the existing open space off Maggoty Lane. The ambition of the Parish Council is to utilise the additional woodland and route of the Ben Brook to allow the public to access more woodland. In addition to this, the Parish Council would also like to be able to utilise part of the land as ancillary space to the woodland.

The Council would secure an overage payment for the Council if there is a future planning permission which enhances the value of the asset or the Parish Council sells the asset within a 15 year period with increase in value/proceeds of sale returning to Cheshire East on a reducing sliding scale. The land is considered to be surplus to operational requirements and would accord with a number of Cheshire East Councils strategic outcomes.

**Background Documents:** The background papers can be inspected by contacting the report author.

**Approved:**

Signed .....  
Councillor Don Stockton (Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Assets)

**Date:** 14 September 2015

**Advising  
Officer:**

Signed .....  
Steve Plack (Senior Surveyor)