

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 Regeneration and Assets

Date: 21 December 2015

Decision in the matter of: Ridley Farms Estate - Lettings

Decision: That approval be given to the letting for Moss, Centenary and Mount Farms individually for periods of up to 15 years, and that Officers be authorised to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal.

Background: The overarching farms estate strategy was approved by Cabinet in January 2012 and supplemented by the findings of a Cabinet Review Group during 2013, including improving the scale and type of opportunities to farm for new entrants and those seeking progression as provided by the three identified farms.

Options for the structure of the Ridley Farms estate were considered and approved in October 2015 confirming that Moss, Centenary & Mount Pleasant Farms should be offered as Entry Level 1, Level 2 & Level 2 opportunities respectively. The farms have been advertised 'to let' from 1st April 2016 following on, in the two latter cases, to the outgoing tenants having secured tenancies of larger farms on privately owned estates.

Lettings for farms are for a period of up to 15 years or up to age 65, typically with 5 year break clauses, and they are advertised on the open market. Prospective tenants are invited to submit their farming proposals and business plans identifying the term that they propose, any investment that they propose or require, and the rent payable, by informal tender. Portfolio Holder approval is required for leases of more than 7 year.

Background Documents: The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

Approved:

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

Date: 21 September 2015

**Advising
Officer:**

Signed
David Job (County Land Agent)