

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO:

Date of Meeting: 13th May 2013

Report of: The Property Services Manager

Title: Crewe Governance Assets Transfer.

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Jamie Macrae

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 An approval is required to ratify a formal Order made in December 2012 to transfer 11 allotment sites in favour of the newly formed Crewe Parish Council (each by way of 150 year leases).
- 1.2 An approval is required to ratify a formal Order for the freehold transfer of Lyceum Public Convenience in favour of the newly formed Crewe Parish Council.
- 1.3 An approval is also required for a formal response in answer to an objection raised by a member of the public following the publication of recent Public Open Space adverts.

2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 That approval is given in principle to grant 150 year leases on all allotment sites (listed and delineated red in Appendix 1) to Crewe Parish Council, subject to conditions contained within the Part 2 paper.
- 2.2 That approval is given in principle to the freehold transfer of Lyceum Public Convenience (delineated red in Appendix 2) to Crewe Parish Council, subject to conditions contained within the Part 2 paper.
- 2.3 That the objection raised by a member of the public, following the publication of recent Public Open Space adverts, is noted and that no formal action be taken in respect to it, other than for a formal response being made in answer to the objection. Please see Appendix (3).

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Crewe Parish Council was created in April 2013 as a result of a formal Community Governance Review Process. There is a strong political will, in line with the agreed policy for the transfer of assets and devolution of services, for allotments and public conveniences in the unparished area to be transferred to the Parish Council. A formal Order in December 2012 confirmed a list of Cheshire East Assets to be transferred to the newly formed Crewe Parish Council.

4.0 Wards Affected

Crewe Central
Crewe East
Crewe North
Crewe South
Crewe West
Crewe St Barnabas

5.0 Local Ward Members

Cllr Irene Faseyi
Cllr Margaret Martin
Cllr David Newton
Cllr Chris Thorley
Cllr Mo Grant
Cllr Peter Nurse
Cllr Michelle Sherratt
Cllr Dorothy Flude
Cllr Steven Hogben
Cllr Roy Cartlidge

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 The proposed transfer of assets is in line with the Council's policy.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Please refer to Part 2 report

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 Please refer to Part 2 report

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 Please refer to Part 2 report.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 In September 2011 Cabinet approved a policy of transferring assets and devolving services to town and parish councils in the Borough. Crewe Parish Council was created in April 2013 as a result of a formal Community Governance Review Process. There is a strong political will, in line with the agreed policy for the transfer of assets and devolution of services, for allotments and public conveniences in the unparished area to be transferred to the Parish Council. A formal Order in December 2012 confirmed that these Assets will be transferred to Crewe Parish Council. Assets detailed in the formal Order are:-

10.2 Allotments

Please refer to Appendix (1) for the list of allotments.

10.3 Public Conveniences

Please refer to Appendix (2) for details of the public conveniences.

11.0 Formal Response to objection from Mr D P Hughes

11.1 Please see attached copy correspondence in Appendix (3). The following response is proposed to the letter of objection dated 4th March 2013 from Mr D P Hughes:-

Crewe Parish Council has been formally constituted with effect from 1 April 2013 by the sealing of a Re-Organisation Of Community Governance Order and its Inaugural and Annual meeting was held on 16 April 2013... Completion of the allotment leases and the transfer of the lyceum toilets requires Crewe Parish Council to liaise with the Borough Council prior to the leases being completed.

12.0 Access to Information

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

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