

ESTATES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 18 October 2005

Chair:

Councillor Jim Docherty (Depute)

Councillors Present:

David Baillie, Eileen Logan, Billy McCaig, John McGuinness, Alex McInnes, William Ross, Jim Wardhaugh

Councillors' Apologies:

Tony Carlin, Jim Daisley (Chair), Beith Forrest, Carol Hughes, Edward McAvoy, Danny Meikle, Chris Thompson

Attending:

Corporate Resources

J McDonald, Administration Officer

Enterprise Resources

H McNeil, Head of Estates and Support Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Estates Committee held on 23 August 2005 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Compulsory Acquisition of Land at 375 Main Street, High Blantyre

A report dated 11 October 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the acquisition of 0.1 hectare of land at 375 Main Street, High Blantyre. It was proposed to acquire the land by the promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 189(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 if the Council was unable to reach any negotiated solution with the owner. The site would be used to complement the works being carried out in the centre of Blantyre.

The Committee decided: that the 0.1 hectare of land at 375 Main Street, High Blantyre be acquired, if necessary, by the promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order under Section 189(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report.

4 Larkhall Sports Centre, Broomhill Road, Larkhall

A report dated 30 September 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the reduction of an area of ground leased by the Council to South Lanarkshire Leisure Trust Limited at Larkhall Sports Centre, Broomhill Road, Larkhall. It was proposed that the terms of the lease between the Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure Trust Limited be amended to exclude land which was now required as an access road to a "park and ride" car park.

The Committee decided: that the terms of the lease between the Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure Trust Limited in relation to land located adjacent to Larkhall Sports Centre, Broomhill Road, Larkhall be amended to exclude land which was now required as an access road to a "park and ride" car park.

5 Amendment to Existing Lease Agreement at Forth Primary School, Forth - Proposed Development of a Horticultural Unit by the Forth and District Initiative

A report dated 6 September 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on an amendment to the existing lease agreement with the Forth and District Initiative for use of ground at Forth Primary School for the development of a horticultural unit.

In view of the requirement to progress this matter as soon as possible and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, had approved the amendment to the existing lease to the Forth and District Initiative of land at Forth Primary School to a licence agreement to allow the Initiative to sell plants to assist in its self-funding activities, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report.

The Committee decided: that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the amendment to the existing lease to the Forth and District Initiative of land at Forth Primary School to a licence agreement to allow the Initiative to sell plants to assist in its self-funding activities, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 5 April 2005 (Paragraph 4)]

6 West Whitlawburn Area Regeneration - Disposal of Land to West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative

A report dated 30 September 2005 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the sale of land within the West Whitlawburn Regeneration Area.

In view of the requirement to progress this matter as soon as possible and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, had approved the sale of land within the West Whitlawburn Regeneration Area to the West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative for the development of social housing in partnership with Communities Scotland, in the sum of £3,500,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report.

The Committee decided:

that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the sale of land within the West Whitlawburn Regeneration Area to the West Whitlawburn Housing Co-operative for the development of social housing in partnership with Communities Scotland, in the sum of £3,500,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report, be noted.

7 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.