**OXFORD
CITY
COUNCIL**

To: City Executive Board

Date: 13th. November 2013

Report of: The Scrutiny Committee

Title of Report: ACQUISITION OF RIVERSIDE LAND ADJACENT TO ABBEY ROAD

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To report the comments of the Scrutiny Committee on this issue.

Key decision: No

Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Mills.

Executive Lead Member: Councillor Turner.

Policy Framework: Vibrant and Stable Economy.

Recommendation(s): For the City Executive Board to say if it agrees or disagrees with the following recommendation.

Recommendation

To support the proposals in the report and ask the City Executive Board to note the offer of residents.

Introduction

1. The Scrutiny Committee considered the proposals for the acquisition of a strip of riverside land adjacent to Abbey Road by adverse possession. They were supported in their debate by John Copley; the Committee would like to thank him for his time and advice.

2. The Committee also heard from a group of residents living near to this river strip who are concerned about the on-going damage caused to the bank by unauthorized mooring. This riverbank provides the main flood defence for their properties and current activity has the potential to significantly undermine this. The residents made 2 offers in their submission to the committee:

- To set a charitable fund that residents contribute to and the proceeds from which could be used to support on-going maintenance costs.
- To play an active part in the maintenance and policing of this strip of riverbank.

Recommendation

To support the proposals in the report and ask the City Executive Board to note the offer of residents.

Comments from the Director and Board Member

3. Comments at the meeting.

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