

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES

CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wednesday 9 October 2013

82. LANHAM WAY – COMPULSORY PURCHASE

The Head of Housing and Property, and the Service Manager Regeneration and Major Projects, submitted a report concerning compulsory purchase proceedings in relation to a long term empty property in Lanham Way.

Councillor Scott Seamons, Board Member for Housing, presented the report to the Board and explained the background to it. It was important to explore all avenues in order to bring properties back into use. The Council had tried, since 2006, to bring this particular property into use, but without success.

Mel Mutch, Empty Property Officer, added that the Council had offered encouragement, and many suggestions concerning the means by which this property could be brought back into use over a considerable period. However, the progress made was not considered to be significant.

Resolved to:-

- (1) Authorise the Head of Housing and Property, in consultation with the Head of Law and Governance, the Head of Finance and the Regeneration and Major Projects Service Manager, to initiate compulsory purchase proceedings to acquire all interests in the property situated in Lanham way, on the basis set out in the report;
- (2) In the event that the decision is taken to initiate compulsory purchase proceedings, to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order pursuant to section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including the publication and service of all notices and presentation of the Council's case at any public enquiry;
- (3) Authorise the Service Manager of Regeneration and Major Projects to take all necessary action to acquire and obtain possession of the property, either compulsorily or by agreement, and to negotiate and agree all matters related to compensation payments;
- (4) Authorise the Service Manager of Regeneration and Major Projects to dispose of the property in accordance with the Disposal options set out in the report;
- (5) Recommend to Council that provision is made in the 2013/2014 budget for the Compulsory Purchase of the property as detailed in the confidential appendices.

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