Ref: 742/17



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## **EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

A1 Service Area	Enterprise and Environment	
A2 Title	Lynwood Road, Branston – Ecological Surveys	
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Lea	
A4 Chief Officer	Andy O'Brien	
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Councillor Patricia Ackroyd	
A6 Date of Decision	14/03/17	

## Confidentiality

A7 Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
A7.1 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	N/A

# **Scrutiny**

<b>A8</b> Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to?	(Please tick as appropr	iate) 🗸
Scrutiny (Promoting Local Economic Growth) Committee		<b>✓</b>
Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee		
Scrutiny (Protecting and Strengthening Communities) Committee		
Scrutiny (East Staffordshire Health) Committee		

B1 What is the Decision?	To approve the monies needed for ecological surveys to move forward with the land at Lynwood Road, Branston.  2nd of 3 EDRs
B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?	A report went to Cabinet in February 2016 which recommended that land for self build must be made available if the self build sector was to grow, and so it would be of huge benefit for the Council to provide a real development opportunity in the sector.
	The Council owned site at Lynwood Road has been chosen for the proposed pilot scheme. The site appears to be marketable for a self-build pilot project due to its size, location and existing infrastructure that can be linked into.
	Stage 1 of the first phase of the project is now complete. The marketing event was held on 31st January to establish interested parties who are committed to delivering self build in the Lynwood Road location.
	From this event a register of all interested registrations of attendees and non-attendees will be compiled along with which plots people have expressed an interest in and any details of what they would like to build.
	To move to stage 2 of the project approval of monies for the completion of ecological surveys from Growth Point funding is needed.
B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?	Providing a Council owned site for self build within the Borough would stimulate regeneration, and increase housing supply from a wider variety of sources. As such, this proposal supports the corporate priority to promote local economic growth.
<b>B4</b> What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.

# Financial Implications

<b>B5</b> What are the financial implications?	The main financial issues arising from this decision are as follows:

Revenue (Growth Point)	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
1st EDR – Marketing Ref No.720/16			
2 <sup>nd</sup> EDR - Additional Ecology Surveys on land at Lynwood Road to move forward to include – Badger Survey, Bat Survey, Bat Activity Survey, Nesting Bird Check, Ecological Walkover Survey	£6155.00		
3 <sup>rd</sup> EDR to follow to cover Outline Planning Permission, if appropriate			

The finance section has been	Please print name: Mr Knm
approved by the following member	
of the Financial Management Unit:	Diagram simum
	Please sign r

# Policy Framework

<b>B6</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
<b>B6.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
<b>B6.</b> 2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	Yes
<b>B7</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
<b>B7.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
<b>B7.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA

## **Equalities Implications**

B8 What are the Equalities implications:

The subject of this decision is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is not required.

**B8.3** The subject of this decision is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is not required.

**B8.4** N/A

#### **Risk Assessment**

**B9** What are the Risk Assessment implications:

**B9.1** Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):

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 Conducting ecological surveys will inform the viability of any forthcoming development.

### **B9.2** Negative (Threats):

• The outcome of the surveys may restrict the type of development for the site.

**B9.3** The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

## **Legal Considerations**

**B10** What are the Legal Considerations:

**B10.1** The main legal issues arising from this decision are as follows:

- 1.1.1 Legal support would be required to complete Development Agreements.
- 1.1.2. Legal support would be required if the Council took the decision to establish a limited company to deliver the scheme.

This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team:

Please print name:

ANGELA WAKEFIELD

Please sign name:

## **Sustainability Implications**

**B11** What are the Sustainability implications:

**B11.1** The proposal would not result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (please refer to guidance notes).

B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):

B11.3 Negative (Threats):

## **Health & Safety Implications**

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:

**B12.1**A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Harriet for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.

**B12.2** [The significant hazards and risks have been identified in the Harriett Risk Assessment numbered [ ]. Any financial implications to mitigate against these hazards and risks are considered above.]

**B12.3** [Control measures and an action plan have been identified for any significant hazards and risks identified in the risk assessment. The positive/negative impacts are set out below]

**B12.3.1** Positive (Benefits)

B12.3.2 Negative (Threats)

# **Key Decision**

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

1. REVENUE – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000

<ol> <li>CAPITAL – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000</li> <li>A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.</li> </ol>		
<b>B13.1</b> If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would seriously prejudice the public interest?	No	
B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	NA	

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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