

Recommendation from Services Committee held on 12.12.24

91/24/25 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON TOWN COUNCIL LAND AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

Members discussed the report received and contained within the circulated reports pack.

Members debated at length the requests received to purchase land, including instances where encroachments had occurred prior to seeking permission to purchase.

Members acknowledged that action was necessary to address these matters appropriately, ensuring the correct procedures are followed.

During discussions, Councillor Stoyel gave his apologies and left the meeting.

Members considered the complexities involved in selling Town Council owned land, including any potential covenant on the land, character of the estate etc.

It was proposed by Councillor Peggs, seconded by Councillor Dent and **RESOLVED:**

1. To appoint Coodes solicitors to manage, in principle, the sale of land at properties 9 Oak Apple Close, 57 Dartmoor View and 157 Grassmere, including the market valuation, working within the Acquisition or Sale of Land and Property on behalf of the Town Council;
2. To delegate to the Town Clerk to work with Coodes solicitors to manage the associated cost working within budget code 6224 Professional Fees;
3. To **RECOMMEND** to the Policy and Finance Committee to approve associated legal costs be allocated to 6224 Professional Fees, managed by the Town Clerk to remain within budget.

