

FINANCE, POLICY AND RESOURCES

ABERDEEN, 9 June 2015

In accordance with the decision made at the start of the meeting, the following item was considered with the press and public excluded.

TRANSFER OF SITE - LANGDYKES ROAD (REFERRAL FROM PROPERTY SUB COMMITTEE) - CHI/15/7571

26. With reference to article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Property Sub Committee of 26 May 2015, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which advised that a site had now been identified as a suitable location for the proposed development of the Hydrogen Energy Station.

In terms of Standing Order 32(1) Councillor Finlayson as local ward member addressed the Committee.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee –

- (a) agree that following an initial assessment the chosen site Langdykes Road (option 4) is to be progressed for the project;
- (b) note the update regarding progress with the project including the fact that a planning application for the proposed development was approved at the Planning Committee on the 28th May 2015;
- (c) note that the site extends to 0.32 ha (0.79 acres) and forms part of a larger site held by HRA and approve the transfer of the site from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Fund;
- (d) note that following discussions with HRA the site is not earmarked for future development and HRA have no objections to the transfer, HRA would prefer to dispose of the whole site, we would recommend that the whole site is declared surplus, 0.32 ha (0.79 acres) is transferred to the General Fund with the remainder being marketed and proceeds of sale being lodged with HRA;
- (e) note that following consultation with local tenants / residents at the meeting of the Housing Performance and Budget Group on 23rd February, 2015 the group confirmed their support of the proposed transfer.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations; and
- (ii) to refer the report to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee in order for that Committee to carry out a comprehensive review of the process followed to identify a site on the south side of the city to ensure compliance with legal requirements and good practice.