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COMMUNITIES, REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday 28th August 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Meredith (in the Chair) Councillors Besford, Beswick, Susan Emmott, Smith and Zaheer

OFFICERS: Peter Gregory (Economy Directorate) and Alison James (Resources Directorate)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Brett, Councillor Dutton; Two members of the public

10 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor West, Councillor Peter Williams and Councillor Winkler.

11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

12 **URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

13 **DISPOSAL OF LAND AT STARKEY STREET/LANGTON STREET, HEYWOOD**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Resources which presented details of a decision that has been made by the Cabinet, at its meeting on 30th July (minute 28: Disposal of Land at Starkey Street/Langton Street, Heywood), which had been called-in by Councillors O'Rourke and Rush.

Councillors Rush and O'Rourke had called-in this item for the following reasons:

1) There was insufficient consultation on the proposals. In the Cabinet's report it mentions that there has been consultation with the North Heywood members and discussion with the Chair of Heywood Township. Moreover the report states that Heywood North Councillors oppose the move without giving any detailed narrative in support.

2) Lack of understanding of the decision that Cabinet has made and the reasons for the decision being made. In this regard it is possible that one Cabinet Member was of the opinion that the land was being disposed at another location.

Councillor Brett, Chair of Cabinet, Councillors O'Rourke and Rush, the calling in Members, Councillor Dutton and a member of the public addressed the Committee with regard to the call in.

Resolved:

1. That the matter be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration with the following recommendations:
 - That Plot of land 2 (adjacent to Hilda Street) be released for disposal;
 - That Plots of land 1 and 3 be not disposed of and that further work be undertaken to assess the potential for future ownership of the land;
2. That the way consultation responses on future reports of this nature is included be reviewed to ensure that the views of Townships are fully incorporated;
3. That it be noted that the Communities Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will undertake a review of the whole process for disposals of land as part of their work programme.