

CHARITABLE LAND PANEL

MEETING, 29TH JUNE, 2022

Present – Councillors Hornby, Finney and Sherrington.

Also in Attendance

Ms. H. Gorman	-	Borough Solicitor
Mr. P. Mulroney	-	Client Services Manager Asset Management
Ms. L. McGuinness	-	Senior Lawyer
Ms. E. Cunningham-Doyle	-	Legal Services

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Councillor Finney be appointed Chairman of the Panel for the purposes of this meeting only.

Councillor Finney here took the Chair

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Panel held on 25th March, 2021 were submitted and agreed as a correct record.

3. THE THICKETFORD CENTRE – GRANT OF WAYLEAVE FOR ELECTRICITY CABLE

The Director of Place Development submitted a report which sought members approval to enter into a wayleave agreement with Electricity North West Limited for an electricity supply cable that was required for the installation of an air source heat pump on land at The Thicketford Centre which was Charitable Land within the Council's ownership.

The report stated that air source pumps had been identified by Central Government as being vital to reducing the reliance on fossil fuels and the strategy was for the installation of 600,000 Heat Pumps by 2028.

In view of the above, members were advised that an additional electricity supply was required to The Thicketford Centre for the installation of an Air Source Heat Pump and as the Thicketford Centre was classified as being Charitable Land approval was needed to enter into a wayleave agreement with Electricity North West Limited for the additional electricity supply cable.

A plan showing the boundary of the site was attached to the report.

The report also stated that under the Charities Act 2011 and Section 4 (V) of the Charities Commission Guidance On Disposals a report that complied with the Charities (Qualified Surveyors' Reports) Regulations 1992 (Regulations) was required to advise whether there would be any effect on the market value if the asset was to be sold. Consequently, a firm of Chartered Surveyors (Gerald Eve) had been appointed to produce the required report having regard to the Regulations and the independent valuation report was attached to this report.

Members were also advised that the consent of this Panel was required to enter into a wayleave agreement for the site. It was proposed that a wayleave be granted to Electricity North West Limited for the required additional electricity supply cable to enable the installation of the Air Source Pump. A copy of the template wayleave agreement was attached to the report.

Resolved – (i) That the use of Charitable Land, at The Thicketford Centre, for an additional electricity supply cable required for the installation of an Air Source Heat Pump, as detailed in the report, be approved.

(ii) That the Director of Place Development be given delegated authority to enter into the wayleave agreement in the form as attached to the report for the electricity supply cable as detailed in the report.

(iii) That the Borough Solicitor be given delegated authority to carry out all legal formalities for the completion of the wayleave agreement.

(The meeting started at 2.00 p.m. and finished at 2.24 p.m.)