



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

Report of the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Forward Plan – Disposal of Land

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Commission note the Report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Management Commission meeting on 20 June 2006 requested a retrospective report on the disposal of land item in the Forward Plan to this meeting of the Commission.
- 2.2 The disposal of land item within the Forward Plan is a standing item included in each forward plan, at reference 193/02, and includes unforeseen circumstances where quick action is required. This can be where negotiations are protracted and/or complex and a point is reached where the sale needs to move quickly if the disposal is to proceed, or if an opportunity occurs at short notice. In some cases these have been the subject of previous Cabinet reports notified in the Forward Plan but where circumstances have changed and or negotiations are protracted. Disposals that are programmed can and are included in the Forward Plan as specified items. An example of this would be the residential land at Swallowdale Road, Sinfin.
- 2.3 Under the Constitution, land disposals would be covered by the procedures relating to key decisions if they are more than £249,999, otherwise officers consult Ward Members on the all disposals as part of the sales procedure. Detailed below are the three disposals within the last year that have been considered under the Forward Plan item, reference 193/02.

25 April 2006

Sale of land at St Benedict School

The Roundhouse and Associated Listed Buildings at Pride Park

Disposal of The Mount, Albany Road

In the case of the first two items, these had already been considered by Cabinet, but circumstances changed. The Mount was marketed following vacation by Social Services Community Team and to ensure that the sale proceeded quickly authority was needed to accept the highest bid.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. Receipts on the disposal of land are reinvested in the Capital Programme. In particular circumstances there may be advantages to use “in and out” rules to free up capital.

Legal

2. The Council has a duty under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 to dispose of property at the best price reasonably obtainable.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. None.

Corporate priorities

5. The disposal of properties, particularly those that are under-used, vacant or require redevelopment/refurbishment have the ability to **improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods** and **build healthy and independent communities**.