
TITLE: ASSETS UPDATE

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To receive an update on Council owned assets.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members are requested to note the update on Council owned assets.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 On 26 September 2019 (Agenda Item 16) Finance & Assets Committee received a report detailing Council owned assets which provided a summary of each asset. This report provides an update to assets contained within that report.

3.2 **Maltings Cottage, Ely**

A full update has been provided in an item to be considered in EXEMPT session.

3.3 **70 Market Street, Ely**

The Council is currently carrying out due diligence work with the successful applicant. In addition, the Legal Services Manager is completing the first draft of the Heads of Terms that will need to be agreed following the due diligence period.

Once heads of terms have been agreed it will be possible for the Open Spaces & Facilities Manager to engage in discussions of improvement works that could be undertaken in the future to improve the EPC rating of 70 Market Street, Ely.

3.4 **Council Owned Public Open Space**

During the period of national lockdown the Open Spaces & Facilities Team has refreshed signage in areas owned and managed by the Council. This signage reflects the most up-to-date government advice.

The Open Spaces & Facilities continue to advise town/parish Councils as appropriate.

3.5 Ely Riverside Moorings

Members will recall that a decision was made by Council in December 2018 to purchase Riverside Moorings from the Environment Agency which included a commitment to protect the existing businesses who previously held licences with the Environment Agency. Officers are pleased to advise that the Council has completed the purchase of the moorings.

3.6 Burrough Green Open Space

Members will recall a decision related to a request from UK Power Networks to locate an electrical substation on an area of public open space. Members approved this request subject to consultation with local residents and Burrough Green Parish Council.

The consultation with local residents and the Parish Council has now closed. The Open Spaces & Facilities Manager received two responses and met with 2 residents on site (prior to national lockdown and socially distanced). The Open Spaces & Facilities Manager has also received a response from Burrough Green Parish Council.

The Open Spaces & Facilities Manager will now use these responses to work with UK Power Network to determine the most suitable location for the substation within the public open space.

3.7 COVID-19 Implications on Council owned assets

During the national lockdown period the Council has not enforced the parking order restrictions in place for car parks that are in the ownership/control of the Council and has placed signage in Council owned car parks to relay this decision. Once national lockdown restrictions are removed the Council will reintroduce the parking order restrictions at all of its locations.

The Hive, Ely Car park has been used as a temporary COVID-19 testing facility on Thursdays and Sundays. This facility is now being used on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1 There are no financial implication arising from this report.

4.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

4.3 A Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) is not required.

5.0 APPENDICIES

5.1 None

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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