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**TITLE: ASSETS UPDATE**

Committee: Finance & Assets Committee

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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**

On 18 June 2020, a short update was provided to inform Members that a building condition survey had been carried out at Maltings Cottage, Ely with an undertaking to provide a fuller briefing.

The survey has identified immediate works to be carried out by City of Ely Council, who lease Maltings Cottage, to make good the premises and prevent further deterioration.

Full detail and the recommended action to be taken is provided in an exempt report elsewhere on the agenda.

3.3 **70 Market Street, Ely**

On 18 June 2020 Members were provided with an update on the current position of 70 Market Street, Ely.

Citizens Advice Rural Cambridgeshire has now vacated the premises. Final arrangements are being made to market the site. Further information will be provided to Members when it is available.

Once the site has been marketed and a potential occupier has been identified a recommendation will be brought to Finance & Assets Committee.

### 3.4 Council Owned Public Open Space

During the COVID-19 lockdown period the Council did not close its public open spaces. It did however close the playgrounds contained within the open spaces (as required by government). Appropriate signage was placed in all open spaces managed and/or owned by the Council. Advice was offered to all Parish Councils on any actions they should take and assistance to print and erect signs was also provided.

The lockdown restrictions are starting to be lifted and as such the Council has now re-opened the playgrounds (as required by government). A full risk assessment has been completed to cover the changed position. Appropriate signage has been placed in all open spaces managed and/or owned by the Council. A copy of the Councils risk assessment has been provided to all Parish Councils to assist them with managing playgrounds that they are responsible for.

### 3.5 Public Conveniences

#### **The Causeway, Burwell**

Members will recall that the Public Conveniences at The Causeway, Burwell were to be transferred to Burwell Parish Council. The transfer has now been completed and the freehold has been transferred to Burwell Parish Council.

#### **Carter Street, Fordham**

Members will recall that the Public Conveniences at Carter Street, Fordham were to be transferred to Fordham Parish Council. The transfer has now been completed and the freehold has been transferred to Fordham Parish Council.

Both Burwell Parish Council and Fordham Parish Council will operate the public conveniences once refurbishment work has been carried out.

#### **Public Conveniences- Ship Lane, Ely and Palace Green, Ely**

During the COVID-19 period both of these locations were closed. Both of these locations are have now been re-opened. At the request of the police the public conveniences at Ship Lane, Ely opening times have been amended for a temporary period; the opening times have been extended until 9pm. This decision will be reviewed at the end of Summer 2020.

### 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 APPENDICES

5.1 None

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