

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH DECISIONS – 25 JUNE 2024

1. APPROPRIATION OF LAND AT STRINGERS COMMON, WOKING ROAD, GUILDFORD

(i) Resolved:

The Cabinet Member:

1. Agreed to the appropriation of Surrey County Council (SCC) owned land at Woking Road as illustrated in Annex A to the report submitted to public highway as the land is not considered to be necessary to be retained as part of the common.
2. Delegated authority to the Executive Director for Environment, Infrastructure and Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth, to deal with all associated matters arising as part of the appropriation process.

(ii) Reasons for decision

Improvement works are proposed by Guildford Borough Council to Woking Road / Moorfields Road junction which are required to unlock and facilitate the Weyside Urban Village scheme. Part of the land required for the highway works is on County Council owned land, forming part of Stringers Common.

Before these highways works can take place, the land must be appropriated under Local Government Act 1972 powers, from land held as common to be appropriated for highway purposes.

In order to bring about the appropriation, the Council needs to exercise its powers under s122 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to appropriation of land where land owned by SCC is no longer required for the purpose for which it is currently held.

CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY, WASTE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DECISIONS – 25 JUNE 2024

1. PROPOSED DISPOSALS BY AUCTION AND ASSOCIATED SURPLUS ASSET DECLARATIONS

(i) Resolved:

The Cabinet Member:

1. Declared the assets, outlined in this Report, as formally surplus to operational requirements (and agreed same in conjunction with the Leader and Deputy Leader).
2. Delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Director of Land & Property in consultation Executive Director – Environment, Infrastructure and Growth to secure best value from the assets released.
3. Delegated further authority to those officers to agree minimum reserve prices, any specific covenants on the sale of assets to be sold through auction, to finalise each transaction, and enter into all associated legal contracts (including private treaty if assets can be sold prior to auction).

(ii) Reasons for decision

The proposed disposal of the assets requires formal declaration surplus to service operational requirements to allow them to be taken forward for disposal. This list of assets is identified for sale by auction reflecting their individual circumstances usually around site or Land Title issues. A sale by auction route enables an early conclusion of a sale and ideal for sets of low value or constrained assets.