
MEETING	EXECUTIVE
DATE	21 JULY 2009
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (CHAIR), AYRE, STEVE GALLOWAY, MOORE, MORLEY, REID AND RUNCIMAN

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**55. LAND AT THE REAR OF ACOMB EXPLORE, FRONT STREET, ACOMB**

[See also under Part A minutes]

Members considered a report which sought approval to acquire two sites to the rear of Acomb Explore as an 'opportunity purchase' and to amend the capital programme accordingly.

The sites in question were the site of the Acomb Bowling Club, shown edged in blue on the plan attached as Annex A, and land owned by Reynolds Homes, shown edged in green on Annex A. Acquiring these sites would provide an opportunity for the creation of a new integrated service facility and the relocation of the current Acomb Housing Office at 50 York road, with the additionally possibility of the development and provision of affordable homes.

The following options were available:

Option A – acquire both sites and recommend that Full Council bring forward expenditure in the Capital Programme to 2009/10 to fund the purchase of the Reynolds Homes site and carry out initial feasibility and scoping work. This was the recommended option.

Option B – acquire the Bowling Club site only, funded in accordance with the approval capital programme. This would provide a much reduced site area, with limited opportunities for relocation / co-location of services.

Option C – not proceed with the acquisitions.

Having noted the comments of the Shadow Executive on this item, it was

RECOMMENDED: That the Capital Programme be varied to bring forward the necessary funding for the acquisition of both sites into the 2009/10 Financial Year.

REASON: In accordance with the decision of the Executive to approve Option A and the requirements of the Council's Constitution regarding changes to the Capital Programme.

A Waller, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.35 pm].