

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

To: **General Purposes Committee**

Meeting Date: **7th October 2014**

From: **LGSS Director of Finance**

Electoral division(s): **Ely North and East**

Forward Plan ref: **2014/026** *Key Decision:* **Yes**

Purpose: **For General Purposes Committee to authorise a property acquisition.**

Recommendation: **It is recommended that General Purposes Committee authorise the Director of Finance to acquire a property in Ely.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In March 2014 Strategic Assets undertook an option appraisal to identify potentially suitable accommodation for the Council's Archives Service. The study identified a preferred property that is located in Ely.
- 1.2 On 23rd September 2014 the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee unanimously approved a recommendation to relocate the Archives Service to the preferred property. A copy of the Committee report is attached at Appendix A, and should be read in conjunction with this report.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Council enters into conditional contract to acquire the property subject to obtaining planning consent.
- 2.2 Further confidential information describing the property can be found within confidential **Appendix B**, which has been circulated separately to members of the Committee.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

Significant implications can be found at paragraph 4.1 of Appendix A.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

There are no significant implications within this priority.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

There are no significant implications within this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

Significant implications can be found at paragraph 2.3 of Appendix A.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

Significant implications can be found at paragraph 3.1 of Appendix A.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

No implications have been identified by officers.

4.6 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
Report, Minutes and Decision Summary: Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee - 23rd September 2014	Appendix A and http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=891