

**TO: BRACKNELL TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION COMMITTEE
5 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**AMENDMENT TO THE COUNCILS CONSTITUTION
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To note the amendment to the Council's Constitution in relation to the Bracknell Town Centre Regeneration Committee to include the authorisation of land disposals and acquisitions required in connection with the regeneration of Bracknell Town centre. Also to note the amended responsibilities of the Chief Officer: Property, to grant land disposals which are contractually required of the Council. The decisions were considered at Council on the 20 July 2011 and the delegation was approved by the Leader.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the amendment to include the authorisation of land disposals and acquisitions required in connection with the regeneration of Bracknell Town Centre, be noted; and,**
- 2.2 **That the amended responsibilities of the Chief Officer: Property to grant land disposals which are contractually required of the Council, be noted.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To inform the Bracknell Town Centre Regeneration Committee of the amendments of the Council's Constitution, decided at Council on 20 July 2011. This enables the regeneration of Bracknell town centre, and avoids duplication of decision making.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 At its meeting on the 20 July 2011 the Council considered a report to approve two amendments to the Council's Constitution.
- 5.2 The first amendment was in relation to the authorisation of land acquisitions and disposals concerned in connection with the re-development of Bracknell Town Centre. Under previous arrangements a proposed land transaction, in excess of the 0.5 hectares or with a value of more than £500,000, in relation to the town centre regeneration, had to be approved twice, first at the Bracknell Town Centre Regeneration Committee and then by the full Executive. It was decided that the Bracknell Town Centre Regeneration Committee should be able to approve all land disposals or acquisitions required to facilitate the town centre re-development.

- 5.3 The Council has entered into a Development Agreement with Bracknell Regeneration Partnership (BRP) for the re-development of Bracknell Town Centre. This provides for the transfer of property from the Council to BRP and the terms of the Development Agreement had been approved by the Executive, and any amendments required the sanction of the Regeneration Committee. As the Council has a contractual obligation under an agreement already with Member approval there would be no point in seeking further approval (for what the Council is already required to do). As a result of this it was approved that the Chief Officer: Property should be delegated authority to approve disposals/acquisitions which the Council is contractually obliged to make.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 Nothing to add to the report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Not applicable.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Not applicable.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 None.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 None.

Representations Received

- 7.3 None.

Background Papers

Report to Council 20 July 2011 – Amendments to the Council's Constitution.
Council Draft Minutes 20 July 2011

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