

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
23 JULY 2002
(6.30-6.45PM)**

Present: Councillors Birch, McCracken and North

Apologies for Absence were received from: Councillors Mrs Ballin & Ward

1. Substitute Member

The Committee noted the attendance of the following substitute Members:

Councillor McCracken for Councillor Ward
Councillor North for Councillor Mrs Ballin

2. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Birch be elected Chairman of the Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interests.

4. Exclusion Of Public And Press

That pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of Item 6 which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

5. 162 High Street and Land to the rear of 69 Heath Hill Road, Crowthorne

The Committee considered a report on proposals to dispose of land at 162 High Street and Land to the rear of 69 Heath Hill Road, Crowthorne.

The decision taken is recorded in the decision sheet (3438_030723_EN) attached to these minutes:

Chairman

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Bracknell Forest Borough Council Record of Decision

Key Decision	Work Programme Reference 3438_030723_EN
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1. **TITLE:** 162 High Street and land to the rear of 69 Heath Hill Road, Crowthorne
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**
To agree terms for disposal of Council-owned land
4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Committee
5. **DECISION**
That authority be given to dispose of 162 High Street and land to the rear of 69 Heath Hill Road, Crowthorne; and,

That, subject to planning permission being granted, the land be sold to Cala Homes and, in consideration, the developer will build a community building/library and village square to an agreed specification on the site and transfer it to the Council on a long term lease at a peppercorn rent.
6. **REASONS FOR DECISION**
No 162 High Street, Crowthorne and land to the rear of 69 Heath Hill Road, Crowthorne have been held as part of the commercial property portfolio for many years waiting for an appropriate redevelopment opportunity of the wider area.

The opportunity has arisen through working with a developer to have the sites redeveloped as part of a comprehensive scheme in accordance with the Central Crowthorne Planning and Design Brief.

The developer has recently submitted a planning application for the wider site and has indicated that it wishes to agree terms for acquisition for the sites, which would enable the development to proceed should planning permission be granted, prior to investing further resource on progressing the scheme.
7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**
Due to the nature of the Council owned sites it is not possible to proceed with their redevelopment in isolation and still meet the objectives of the Planning and Design Brief for Crowthorne Central Sites. A joint development with the adjacent sites is the only feasible way forward.
8. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable
9. **DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:** Report by Director of Environment (Resources) (Exempt Information - Paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)
10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None
11. **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:** Not applicable

Decision Number	Date Decision Made	Date decision will be implemented
3438_030723	23 July 2003	04 August 2003

