

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Agenda Item 35

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Request for Scrutiny: Strategic Land Use
Date of Meeting: 13 September 2011
Report of: Strategic Director Resources
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 OSC on 19 July 2011 agreed to request a report on the implications of the sale of a leasehold interest in land at Patcham Court Farm. This followed a letter dated 11 July from Executive Director of the Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership, Tony Mernagh (**Appendix 1**).
- 1.2 The report (**Appendix 2**) outlines the key factors involved in this particular decision. It also details the Council's existing plans, strategies and processes that are used in determining the best use of the remaining available land in the City.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members:
- (1) Consider the enclosed report and Appendices
 - (2) Decide whether or not any scrutiny action is needed.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The main questions asked by Mr Mernagh were:
- How does the decision comply with established strategies?
 - Is this the best strategic use of the land?
 - What precedents will be established?
- 3.2 The letter from Mr Mernagh is included as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.3 Information from Property and Design and Planning is included as Appendix 2.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No consultation has been carried out on this report for information.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 None identified directly in relation to this report for information.

Legal Implications:

5.2 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None identified directly in relation to this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Letter from Tony Mernagh to Councillor Gill Mitchell, Chair, dated 11 July 2011
2. Information from Property and Design and Planning

Background Papers

None