

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Leader of the Executive
Date: 28^h February 2022
Reporting officer: Service Manager (Property and Regulatory)
Subject: Redundant Footpath - Adjacent to 107 Rochester Road
Gravesend DA12 2HU

Purpose and summary of report:

1) To seek authority for the proposed disposal of the redundant footpath adjacent to 107 Rochester Road Gravesend.

Recommendations:

1. That the Leader of the Executive's authority be sought to the disposal of the redundant footpath adjacent to 107 Rochester Road Gravesend.

1. Background

- 1.1 The overgrown redundant footpath, marked in red on the attached plan, is approximately a metre wide and extends to approximately 71 metres. It is sandwiched between the soon to be opened children's nursery at 107 Rochester Road and a residential development behind the neighbourhood retail parade which fronts on to Rochester Road.
- 1.2 The proposed purchaser is the owner of the adjoining property, soon to be opened as a children's nursery.
- 1.3 There has been a history of anti-social behaviour on the land in the form of fly-tipping and it is blocked off at the northern end meaning it is now a dead end.

2. The Way Forward

- 2.1 It is proposed to sell the redundant footpath to the adjoining owner for the nominal purchase price of £1.00 to use as garden land and/or parking but restricting the use of the land solely for this purpose. Further obligations proposed relate maintaining the land and keeping it clear and tidy going forward.
- 2.2 It is considered that a sale even for £1.00 can be seen to represent best value to the Council due to revenue savings in respect of on-going maintenance and repair and bring an end to the anti-social behaviour.

2.3 It is considered there would be no loss of amenity value as the footpath has become redundant and incapable of use for several years.

3. Background Papers

3.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.

IMPLICATIONS

APPENDIX 1

Legal	None.
Finance and Value for Money	A nominal capital receipt of £1.00 would be generated as a result of the sale but the Council will no longer be responsible for its upkeep and clearance. In addition with the land being incorporated within the site of the adjoining children's nursery it is likely that the littering / dumping issue will desist or greatly reduce.
Risk Assessment	Not applicable.
Equality Impact Assessment	Screening for Equality Impacts
	Question
	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer.</p> <p>No</p>
	<p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer.</p> <p>No</p>
<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>	
Corporate Plan	Links with Corporate Objective 4 - sound and self-sufficient council.
Crime and Disorder	The site has been the subject of on-going fly-tipping over time.
Digital and website implications	There are none
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	There are none



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Project		Land Rear Of Rochester Road Gravesend	
Drawn	Traced		
Checked	Date	20 - 09 - 21	
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