

DEVOLUTION PACKAGE TO NEWARK TOWN COUNCIL – SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update Members on responses received to the Public Notice of the District Council's intention to dispose of areas of open space to Newark Town Council.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 This is a supplementary report to update Members on written responses to the Public Notice of the intention to dispose of areas of open space to Newark Town Council as part of the devolution package.
- 2.2 The District Council is required to consider any written representations to the Public Notice before affecting the proposed transfer of the open spaces.
- 2.3 Two representations have been received in relation to the play area on the Autumn Croft Road Estate. The representations express concerns that if the land is sold to the Town Council it could be developed with housing. A reassurance has been sent to those who have lodged the written representation advising them that this is part of a wider devolution package in which the freehold interest in the land will transfer from the District Council to the Town Council with the Town Council taking on responsibility for its future maintenance but that the Town Council does not have any current intentions to change the use of the land. In those circumstances it is considered that the concerns expressed have been adequately addressed.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Reason for Recommendation

To inform Members of two representations received.

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