

Report to:	Policy and Performance Advisory Committee
Date:	26 January 2023
Title:	Purchase of land at Landport Brooks
Exemption:	None
Report of:	Tim Whelan, Director of Service Delivery
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of Cabinet report:	Approval to buy land at Landport Brooks
Officer recommendations to the Cabinet:	<p>(1) That Cabinet approves the strategic approach presented and agrees as follows:</p> <p>a. To purchase the Land at Landport Brooks to put Lewes District Council in a position to deliver a range of environmental, ecological, flood mitigation and health and wellbeing outcomes subject to valuation, legal advice and the usual due diligence</p> <p>b. To develop the business case to reflect that this is a long-term investment with environmental and potential commercial opportunities for LDC.</p> <p>(2) That officers work with stakeholders and the community to deliver the best outcomes for the site, to achieve biodiversity gains, improving floodplain storage capacity and other environmental benefits.</p> <p>(3) To authorise the Director of Service Delivery, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability to carry out all necessary actions to facilitate the project including negotiating the purchase of the land and determining the terms of, and authorising the execution of, all necessary documentation.</p>
Recommendations to the Committee	The recommendations are detailed at 1.3 of this report
Reasons for recommendations to the Committee:	To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.

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1 Introduction

1.1 In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.

1.2 The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.

1.3 Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:

- 1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
- 2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
- 3) To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.

1.4 The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

2 Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers

2.1 All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

3 Appendices:

- **Purchase of land at Landport Brooks (and appendix)**