



Hampshire County Council

Executive Member for Policy and Resources Item 17

23 July 2008

Former Older Persons' Home - Christmas Lodge, Evelyn Avenue, Aldershot

Report of the Acting Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services

(Summary of an EXEMPT decision)

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1 Summary

1.1 The following decisions are sought:

a) That approval be given to the sale of Christmas Lodge, Aldershot to the preferred purchaser on the basis set out in the report; and

b) the Acting Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services (Interim Head of Estates) be authorised to settle the detailed terms and conditions of sale.

2 Reason

2.1 This report sets out the results of the marketing for the disposal of the Former Older Persons' Home (Christmas Lodge), Aldershot. The marketing period resulted in a number of offers and a preferred purchaser identified.

2.2 The proposed sale supports the Corporate Priorities of maximising wellbeing and enhancing our quality of place by securing a capital receipt for reinvestment in retained core stock residential homes having facilitated the redevelopment of the site whilst maintaining the integrity of the adjoining public open space.

3 Other options considered and rejected

3.1 Hampshire County Council to obtain an outline planning consent for the redevelopment of the site prior to marketing. This option was rejected in light of continuing delays in the adoption of planning policies relating to the Thames

Heath Basin Special Protection Area and the market uncertainty that will be caused in further delaying the disposal.

4 **Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker or other Executive Member consulted** - None

5 **Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee** - None

6 **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent** - None

Approved by:

Councillor T K Thornber

Executive Member for Policy & Resources Date: 23 July 2008

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