

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	7 February 2017
Title:	Disposal of Amenity Land at Pickenfield
Contact Officer:	Janine Howells, Asset Manager

Purpose of this Report

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the disposal of amenity land at Pickenfield to the resident of 20 Pickenfield.

Update

2. At the meeting of the Council on 26 April 2016 it was agreed in principle that the amenity land adjacent to 20 Pickenfield could be disposed of, subject to a covenant in the deed to restrict any development on this specific piece of land.
3. Mr Smith obtained planning permission from South Oxfordshire District Council on 12 September 2016 for change of use of public open space to private garden (application P16/S2182/FUL).
4. A quotation from the Valuation Office Agency to undertake the valuation of the land has been provided to the Council and Mr Smith has been informed of the estimated costs. Mr Smith has requested the opportunity to obtain a further quotation as a comparison to the Valuation Office Agency's estimate. Officers have agreed that this is acceptable and that the same criteria for the valuation must be observed. Mr Smith will now source a further quotation for Officers consideration for the valuation of the land.
5. The next step is for a public notice to be placed in the Thame Gazette giving notice that the Council intends to dispose of the land. This information and any representations made as a consequence of the advert will be brought to a Council meeting for consideration.
6. All costs associated with the transfer will be met by Mr Smith.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act 1972 S.127

Action Required:

To note the report.