Appendix 3

Extract of notes of informal meeting of the Place and Resources Overview Committee on 1 June 2021

Asset Transfer Policy

The committee considered the report to be presented to Cabinet in respect of the 'Asset Transfer Policy'. The committee were invited to raise any comments for consideration by Cabinet.

Councillors discussed the contents of the report and points were raised in the following areas:

- Recognition of the key role of ward councillors and town and parish councillors who should be notified and be part of the process
- Ward councillors should be notified at the start of all policy processes as a default position
- The policies should clearly refer to ward councillors as well as town and parish councillors
- Local communities should be automatically given first refusal to bid on an asset
- Discussion on the out of scope transfer process
- Need to make it clear that there was no obligation for an organisation to take on an asset
- Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils would be consulted before the report was discussed by Cabinet
- Work currently underway to create an asset list
- Highlighting of issues around listed buildings and surveys required.

'Minded to' Recommendation to Cabinet

That Cabinet: -

1. Agree the Asset Transfer Policy relating to the transfer of Council owned property assets of both Low and High Value to Town & Parish Councils together with Voluntary and Community based (third sector) organisations as attached to the report at Appendices 1 & 2.
2. Delegate to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property and the Portfolio Holder for Customer Services & Communities when acting in agreement with each other the authority for determining and approving all such transfers.

The Executive Director of Place, having heard the debate, confirmed the 'minded to' Recommendation to Cabinet, under delegated powers on behalf of the informal meeting of the Place and Resources Overview Committee. He also noted the comments that had been raised by the committee for forwarding to Cabinet.