Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, Friday, 23rd October, 2009

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Disposal of Land at 67 Schomberg Avenue

In accordance with Standing Order 60, the Committee was advised that the Parks and Leisure Committee, at its meeting on 12th February, had agreed to the disposal to members of the public of three portions of land at different locations across the City. The Committee was advised that officers had been in contact with all three prospective purchasers and with regard to the land at 67 Schomberg Avenue, agreement had been reached on the terms of the disposal which were as follows:

- (i) the area for disposal comprised approximately 82 square metres;
- (ii) use of the land would be restricted to open space and to garden use in particular;
- (iii) the disposal price had been agreed at £10,000; and
- (iv) the purchasers would relocate the boundary fence at their own expense.

The Director of Improvement reported that, following agreement on the above-mentioned terms, the owner of the property had requested that the restriction, which would limit the use of the land to open space, be varied to allow a small part of a single-storey house extension to be constructed on the land being acquired. From plans which were available currently the extent of the proposed building on Council land would be minimal – approximately 0.13 square metres – but would contravene the proposed restriction as agreed by the Parks and Leisure Committee.

After discussion, during which a Member expressed concern that the Committee was being requested to approve the disposal contrary to the terms which had been agreed by the Parks and Leisure Committee, the Committee approved the disposal on the terms outlined, subject to a suitable legal agreement being prepared by the Director of Legal Services, with such agreement subject to no further building being permitted.