

# CABINET

## Referral from Overview and Scrutiny 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008

### Report of Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT				
To request Cabinet to consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding Land at Scotforth East.				
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Referral from Overview and Scrutiny
Date Included in Forward Plan				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
This report is public				

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- (1) That community wood land containing the footpath adjacent to the southern boundary of Rays Drive should be deleted from the area that is proposed to be sold in order to protect it for reasons of visual amenity, biodiversity conservation, public access and connectivity to other paths in the area, and the footpaths be included as public rights of way.
- (2) That the Council retain a narrow ransom strip to the south and this will be clarified in the tender documents.
- (3) That the Minutes and comments made at the meeting be forwarded to Cabinet.

#### Introduction

At an extraordinary meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008, Members considered the draft brief relating to land at Scotforth Road. This additional meeting had been convened in order to enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to comment on the draft brief and forward comments to Cabinet.

#### Details

After a number of questions and discussion the following recommendations were agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) That community wood land containing the footpath adjacent to the southern boundary of Rays Drive should be deleted from the area that is proposed to be sold in order to protect it for reasons of visual amenity, biodiversity conservation, public access and connectivity to other paths in the area, and the footpaths be included as public rights of way.
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The draft Minutes are attached to this report.

<b>RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK</b>	
As per Cabinet report.	
<b>CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)</b>	
As per Cabinet report.	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
As per Cabinet report.	
<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
As per Cabinet report.	
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
As per Cabinet report.	
<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
As per Cabinet report.	
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