

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	24 January 2013
Title:	Permanent Gypsy and Traveller Residential Sites - Update on Disposal Proposals
Decision Reference:	4323
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

To consider the following recommendations of the Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel:

- a) The deadline for disposal of the permanent residential sites to a third party is extended to 31 March 2014 and that the County Council now explores the potential of transfer to a Registered Social Landlord, suitably qualified and experienced Commercial Operator associated with the Gypsy and Traveller Community, or Community Interest Company;
- b) The County Council enters into negotiations with the Calthorpe Estate to secure the grant of a new 30 year lease on the Star Hill site;
- c) The Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Strategic Manager - Assets and Development) is authorised to settle detailed terms and conditions in respect of these transactions.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Extending the deadline as recommended will enable engagement with Registered Social Landlord's in preparation for fully marketing the properties to achieve best value for the County Council (whilst also seeking to avoid prejudicing the rights of the residents).
- 2.2. Securing the grant of a new lease in respect of the Star Hill site will enable continued service provision for the residents to be maintained.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Retaining the sites in the longer term management of the County Council – rejected on the grounds that the financial liabilities will increase and place an element of risk on the Council.

3.2. Not renewing the lease of the Star Hill site – rejected on the grounds that the continued service provision for the residents will be prejudiced.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

24 January 2013

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor T K Thornber**