



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Cabinet

Report of: Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Date: 22nd July 2015

Subject: Call-In of decision by Cabinet acting as Trustee of the Graves Park Charity

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Summary

This paper reports the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 24th June 2015 where a Call-In on the decision of Cabinet acting as Trustee of the Graves Park Charity on 'The Graves Park Charitable Trust: Cobnar Cottage' was considered.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- a) notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

Background Papers:

Report to Cabinet, Wednesday 18th March 2015:

See Item 9 on this webpage:

<http://sheffielddemocracy.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=5578&Ver=4>

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Called-In Decision – Outcome of Scrutiny Committee Meeting

1. Cabinet Decision

- 1.1. The Executive Director, Communities submitted a report to Cabinet acting as Trustee of the Graves Park Charity in relation to 'The Graves Park Charitable Trust: Cobnar Cottage'.
- 1.2. At its meeting on 18th March 2015 Cabinet acting as Trustee of the Graves Park Charity resolved:
 - (a) notes the objections received, but for the reasons set out in this report, delegates authority to the Director of Legal and Governance to make an application to the Charity Commission for a scheme to give the Trustee the power to dispose of the freehold interest in Cobnar Cottage and to invest the capital receipt in improving the facilities in Graves Park, rather than holding it as a permanent endowment and just applying the income to the charitable objects; and
 - (b) if an appropriate scheme is made by the Charity Commission following the application, confirms its authority to proceed with the disposal in accordance with the recommendations approved following the report to Cabinet on July 17 2013.

2. Scrutiny

- 2.1. As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision was called in. The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee considered this Call In at its meeting on 24th June 2015. The Committee heard from the relevant Cabinet Member, Council Officer and Councillors on the Committee.
- 2.2. The Scrutiny Committee:
 - (a) notes the contents of the report together with the comments made and the responses provided;
 - (b) notes the decision of the Cabinet, made on 18th 2015, to delegate authority to the Director of Legal and Governance to make an application to the Charity Commission for a scheme to give the Trustee the power to dispose of the freehold interest in Cobnar Cottage and to invest the capital receipt in improving the facilities in Graves Park; and
 - (c) recommends that no action be taken in relation to the call-in decision.

3. Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- a) notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.