

Meeting of:	Welsh Church Act Estate Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 04 October 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	No Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Glebe Fields - Update
Purpose of Report:	To update Committee on progress since the June Committee.
Report Owner:	Rob Thomas, Director of Resources
Responsible Officer:	Carys Lord, Head of Finance
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	<p>Committee Reports - Legal OM Accountancy Head of Finance</p> <p>No ward member consultation - since Members of this Committee are acting as Committee Members independent of other Council's resolutions, no wider consultation has taken place</p>
Policy Framework:	The Trustees are working independently of other Council decisions and in accordance with the requirements of Charity Law.
<p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update to Committee following the last resolution of Committee in June 2021. 	

Recommendation

1. That Committee notes the updated position and recommendations in part II of this Agenda

Reason for Recommendation

1. To enable a decision to be made under Part II of this agenda.

1. Background

- 1.1 Committee considered an update of this position at its June 2021 meeting and resolved that:

- (1) T H A T the update relating to the Agricultural Land Classification Survey be noted;
- (2) T H A T further site investigation be obtained in order to promote the site as a candidate site at the relevant time if any are required following further advice from the Council's planning officer;
- (3) T H A T delegated authority be given to the Operational Manager Property, in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee and the Operational Manager Accountancy, to agree the consultancy costs (if any) associated with any further appointments referred to in Resolution (2) above;
- (4) T H A T a further update report when the results of any further site investigations / surveys are available be considered (if any required);
- (5) T H A T a separate report regarding the financial position of the Trust and its investment management arrangements be brought to Committee for their consideration in order to inform consideration of whether to dispose of the site in the future when the results of the Agricultural Land Classification survey were available

2. Key Issues for Consideration

Following Committee's resolution in June, the Operational Manager consulted with the Council's planning officer in relation to the surveys required. An update in relation to those discussions are reported in further detail in part II of this agenda.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The Trusts actions need to comply with Charity law and its decisions are independent of the Council's obligations under the Well-Being of Future Generations Act.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** As referenced in the part II report.

Employment

- 4.2** There are no employment implications arising from this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.3** The Trust has a duty to manage lands and property held by them in accordance with the Scheme of Trust and with Charity Law and decisions should be consistent with the Charity Objects and powers.
- 4.4** There is a Legal requirement for Trustees to:
- (a) Act within their powers;
 - (b) Act in good faith and only in the interests of the charity
 - (c) Make sure they are sufficiently informed
 - (d) Take account of all relevant factors
 - (e) Ignore any irrelevant factors
 - (f) Manage conflicts of interest
 - (g) Make decisions that are within the range of decisions that a reasonable trustee body could make

5. Background Papers

None