

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

5 FEBRUARY 2019

Title:

PROPERTY MATTER – LEASE OF LAND FOR SUBSTATION AND CABLING FARNHAM

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Ged Hall]
[Wards Affected: Farnham Castle]**

Summary and purpose:

To seek approval to grant a lease to Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks for siting of a new electricity sub-station and cabling.

Note pursuant to Section 100B(5) of the Local Government Act 1972

(Exempt) Annexe 2 to this report contains exempt information by virtue of which the public is likely to be excluded during the item to which the report relates, as specified in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities: People, Place & Prosperity

Prosperity: The proposal is to provide a seamless electricity supply to businesses and facilities within this area, minimising disruption. To create a business-friendly culture in Waverley Borough Council that supports local businesses to be successful; SSE will be providing improvements to the facility which will support local businesses, community and leisure facilities.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

No implications

Financial Implications:

The proposal will see no reduction in rental income.

Legal Implications:

Discussions with any neighbouring sites affected have been held and agreement reached to release the current tenant from any obligations for the site, thus enabling the Council to grant a new unencumbered lease to SSE.

Background

1. The Brightwells development in Farnham necessitates a new electricity sub-station outside of the boundary of the development (as per the original planning permission agreement) to serve the scheme and adjacent properties. The location of the sub-station has been agreed by officers to be sited between the leisure centre and the youth club, as shown on the plan at Annexe 1.
 2. This site has been neglected historically and is the preferred site to community services due to being in an unobtrusive location. All work will be subject to landlord's consent, and any disruption and/or damage to the landscape or footpath to lay cables will be subject to reinstatement by SSE.
 3. The existing lease boundary for the adjacent youth club tenant will be amended to accommodate cables serving the substation to run underneath the footpaths. These are currently maintained by the council.
 4. The site has limited value for alternative uses. The proposed terms and conditions of the lease are shown on (Exempt) Annexe 2.
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Recommendation

That the Executive authorises the grant of a new lease to Scottish & Southern Networks for siting of an electricity sub-station and cabling, on the terms proposed in (Exempt) Annexe 2.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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