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Decision Notice From: **Leader Decisions**

Date: **29 April 2020**

Title: **THE ACQUISITION AND DELIVERY OF THE SITE ON THE BURGH BY PASS, BURGH LE MARSH (SITE GYP/TRA2) AS A STOPPING PLACE FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS:**

Wards Affected: **Burgh Le Marsh**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **11 May 2020**

Urgent Decision: **No**

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**DECISION:**

That the following be approved;

1. To give authority to the Assistant Director – Growth (Neil Cucksey) to purchase the site for no more than £100,000 in accordance with paragraph 8.1 of the report;
2. To give authority to the Assistant Director – Growth (Neil Cucksey) to procure the laying out of the site out in accordance with the costs specified in confidential Appendix A to the report;
3. Upon the acquisition of the site by the Council being completed, the Executive Director - Growth (Tim Leader) be authorised to amend the planning permission for the development of a gypsy site on the land by varying any condition of it to the extent he considers necessary and/or to rely upon permitted development rights or take such other action as may be necessary to secure expeditiously the development of the site to meet the urgent need for further accommodation for gypsies and travellers.

**Reason for the Decision:**

The delivery of Gypsy and Traveller sites is set out in the Adopted Local Plan (July 2018) and it is considered a priority to bring relevant sites forward not only to fulfil the obligations set out in the plan but to assist in the reduction in the number of unauthorised encampment incidents in the District.

**Alternative options considered:**

The Council could choose to not bring the site forward. This option would however would mean that the Council would not fulfil its duty to deliver the actions set out in the Local plan, the result will be that the review of the Local Plan could be found unsound as this information will have to be passed to the Secretary of State.

The other implication would be that an alternative site would have to be located in order to provide the necessary number of transit pitches as set out in the Local Plan.

**Conflict of interest declared:**

None.

**Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:**

N/A