LAND AT MEADOWSIDE, RAYLEIGH

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks Members' agreement to the valuation and subsequent disposal of an unused parcel of land on the Meadowside development in Rayleigh.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Meadowside is a small cul-de-sac comprising of 8 one bedroom pensioner bungalows. There is a small parcel of land in the corner of the cul-de-sac situated between bungalows 6 and 7. The land does not have any building potential and has previously been offered for use as an allotment. There was no interest shown in the land being used for this purpose and due to it not being cultivated, it has become the subject of frequent complaints from the tenants in the adjoining properties. The owner of a property in Queens Road, whose garden adjoins the land to the rear and side, has submitted an application to purchase the land.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The sale and future cultivation of this parcel of land will enhance the tenants' enjoyment of their gardens.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Savings to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as no further grounds maintenance would arise. Disposal value would accrue to the HRA.

5 **RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**:

That the Council seeks valuation of the land and that the Head of Legal Services arranges for the sale to the resident of Queens Road. (HLS)

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Background Papers:

None

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