

LAND TO REAR OF 122 ASHINGDON ROAD

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement for the valuation and subsequent disposal of a piece of land to the owner of 122 Ashingdon Road, Rochford. The land measures 10 metres in length and is 8 metres wide.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The property at 122 Ashingdon Road is a former Council owned property where the tenant exercised the right to buy. The rear garden of this property abuts onto the rear garden of pensioner designated bungalow in Rochford Garden Way. The rear gardens to these bungalows are very large and to make them a more manageable size for people of pensionable age, tenants have in the past constructed a fence across the gardens to reduce the length. This fence is well established and tenants of the bungalows (No. 137 and 139) have confirmed they do not want the gardens extended to the original boundary. Resulting from the repositioning of the fence is an unused and overgrown area of land between the two gardens. The occupier of 122 Ashingdon Road has requested to purchase the land in order to extend their garden.
- 2.2 Ward Councillors have been contacted. They generally support disposal of the land in question but one has commented that a restriction ought to be imposed regarding the retention of the land for garden purposes only. The Head of Service suggests that Members may wish to impose such a condition and include it as a recommendation.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Disposal Value would accrue to the Housing Revenue Account.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Property boundaries would have to be redrawn.

5 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) That a valuation for the land be obtained.

- (2) That the land be sold to the owner of 122 Ashingdon Road at market value. (HRHM)

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Background Papers:

None

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