

To: Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board

On: 23 January 2019

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

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Heading: Transfer of Land at Bridge Isle, Inchinnan Road, Renfrew

#### 1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek consent to declare the property at Bridge Isle, Inchinnan Road, Renfrew, shown on the attached plan E2799, surplus to requirements.

1.2 This is to allow the property to be disposed to the adjoining owner in exchange for land required from them, as shown on plan E2800, for the Glasgow Airport Investment Area project, part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal.

#### 2. Recommendations

#### It is recommended that the Board:

- 2.1 Declare the area of land located at Bridge Isle, Inchinnan Road, Renfrew shown on the attached plan E2799, as surplus to requirements.
- 2.2 Authorise the transfer thereof to the adjoining owner in exchange for land required from them, as shown on plan E2800, as part of the City Deal, Glasgow Airport Investment Area Project (GAIA) on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Head of Property utilising delegated powers, including retaining a servitude right over the area hatched on the plan.

2.3 Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to conclude the transfer incorporating into the bargain such terms and conditions as may be deemed appropriate.

### 3. **Background**

- 3.1. The area of land, which is held on the General Services Account, is currently woodland and grass between the former Netherton Farm and land south of the Inchinnan Bridge. This is reclaimed land which was formerly part of the foreshore and bed of the River White Cart and was transferred from the Crown to the Burgh of Paisley in April 1949.
- 3.2. The land will be exchanged for land to the south of Inchinnan Bridge, as shown on plan E2800, which will be utilised to construct a new segregated cycleway/footpath from the bascule bridge to the realigned Abbotsinch Road, where it connects into the larger GAIA project.
- 3.3. An exchange of land ensures the current owners have land to support the continued growth of their local Club.
- 3.4. The GAIA project, which is part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal, comprises new alignment and upgrading of the existing Abbotsinch Road; shared cycleway / footway on both sides of the new and upgraded road; improvements to the existing junctions at Abbotsinch Road / A8 Greenock Road / A8 Inchinnan road junctions and the Arran Avenue / Abbotsinch Road roundabout; connections to existing cycleways and core paths. All of which are aimed at providing the infrastructure and environmental improvements necessary to deliver the vision of creating an internationally recognised centre for innovation, research and advanced manufacturing within a world class business and commercial location centred on an international airport, providing up to 10,000 new jobs.
- 3.5. The Leadership Board approved the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA) on 30 November 2016. The City Region Cabinet approved the OBCs on 12 December 2016 and authorised further funding of £6.64m to progress the Project and develop the Final Business Case (an additional £2.720m was previously authorised to develop the OBC), including funding for this land acquisition.
- 3.6. The City Deal team submitted a Planning Application on 5 July 2017 and planning consent was granted on 8 November 2017.
- 3.7. The Director of Environment & Infrastructure has confirmed that the area of ground has no operational requirement and would not be opposed to the ground being declared surplus.
- 3.8. The Head of Property has advised that the land value is such that the transfer is at a level upon which he would utilise delegated powers.

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# Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** None.
- HR & Organisational Development None.
- 3. **Community Planning**

**Children and Young People** –The new safer walking and cycling infrastructure will help encourage active travel by children and young people, as well as adults.

**Community Care, Health & Well-being** – Active travel will offer improved health opportunities.

#### **Empowering our Communities - None**

**Greener** - The completed infrastructure will include segregated provision for walking and cycling. It will also enable improved public transport links. The cycle ways will link east to the boundary of the complementary City Deal Project at Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside.

Jobs and the Economy - The GAIA Project will create opportunities for transformational change resulting in improved business conditions and increased employment and development opportunities including the creation of up to 10,000 new jobs. The creation of significant areas of employment land (industrial, commercial and office) resulting in job opportunities for the local population (including a boost to the incomes of young people, those in longer term unemployment and those tackling barriers to gaining employment.

#### Safer and Stronger - None

- 4. **Legal** Conclude the legal terms of the land transfer.
- 5. **Property/Assets** Conclude the property transfer.
- 6. **Information Technology** None.
- 7. Equality & Human Rights -
  - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.

If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

- 8. **Health & Safety** None.
- 9. **Procurement** None.
- 10. **Risk** Cruising club changes its mind in terms of the bargain reached. The promoted CPO would require to be implemented.
- 11. **Privacy Impact** None.
- 12. **Cosla Policy Position** N/A

## **List of Background Papers**

(a) None

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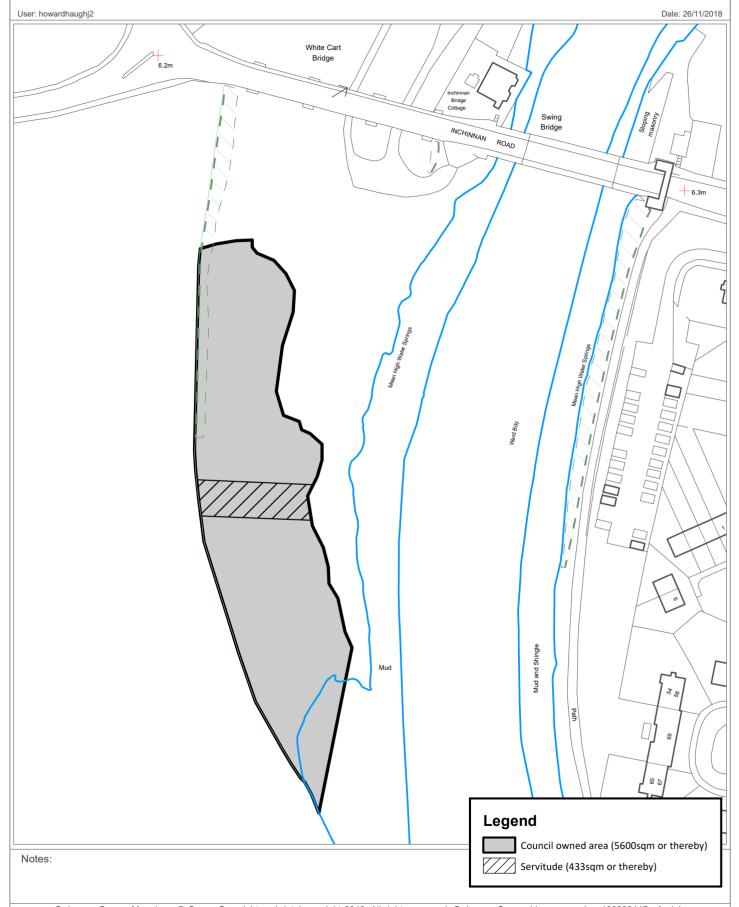
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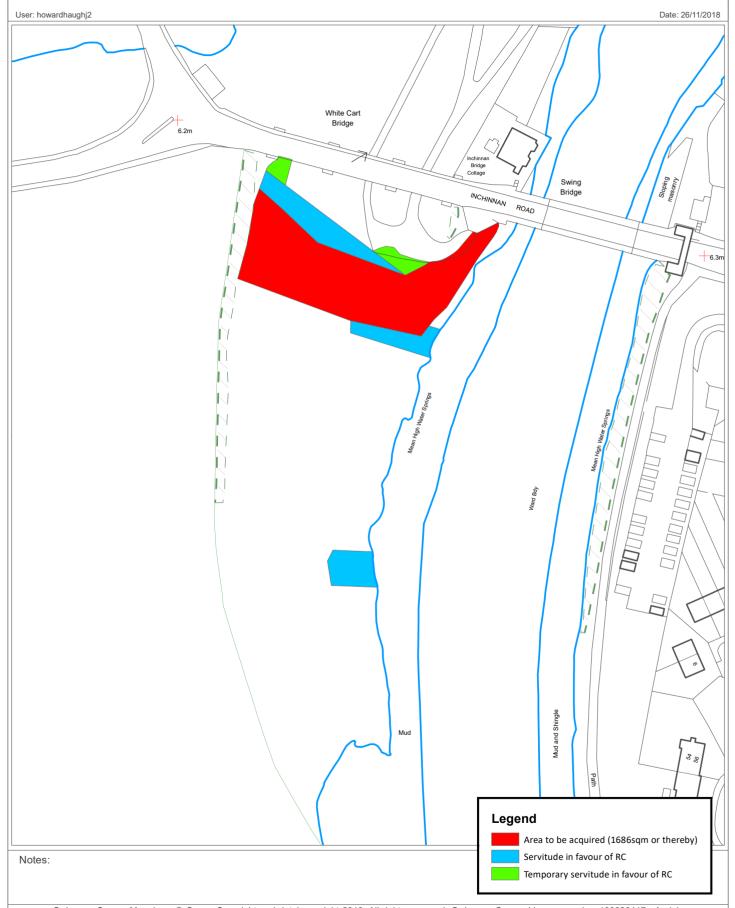


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# Inchinnan Road, Renfrew Plan Ref. E2800





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