

Note of the LGR working party meeting held Friday 13th June 2025.

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Arrick, Carter, Keen, Leach and Waters and clerked by the Town Clerk.

1. Cllr Carter was elected as chairman with Cllr Waters vice-chairman.
2. The terms of reference of the working party, as previously circulated, were agreed.

The Clerk advised that:

- None of the discussion today is binding on the council and the working party has no authority to make decisions in this process. The meeting was to review WBC and SCC owned assets to see if there was anything that HTC could reasonably hope to obtain the freehold of in order to secure for the community as part of the LGR process.
- It is perfectly reasonable for HTC, as FTC and GTC have already done, to approach these council's with a list of requests. It does not require government to sign off a transfer process.
- A large amount of work would need to be done to determine the cost implications of any transfers. It would also be good practice for the community to be consulted, especially if a large precept rise was envisaged.

The working party agreed that as a general principle:

HTC should seek to acquire:

- open spaces with play areas
- car parks (more in hope than expectation but worth asking)

HTC should not seek to acquire:

- Pieces of common land / other open spaces that are heavily wooded, difficult to access or that do not represent an essential asset to the community.
- The Fairground carpark or land associated with its redevelopment

The Chairman asked that each asset be considered line by line and a shortlist was drawn up for presentation to the next Full Council meeting, see below. In the meantime, the Clerk will approach WBC /SCC to sound them out about the assets identified and try to find out what the formal process looks like. There are also a couple of items which need further investigation to determine what they actually are.

Following the meeting:

- the Clerk spoke to Cllr Follows at WBC and has sent him the list for initial consideration.
- the future of the Edge leisure centre may be close to being resolved, meaning that HTC may not need to request its transfer. Clerk to find out for definite and report back

APPENDIX 15

Name of Building / Land	Street Name	Postcode	Freehold / Leasehold	Land only or Land with Building	Comments
Common Land, Grayswood Green, Grayswood Road	Grayswood Road	-	Freehold	Land only	
Cricket Square and Practice Area, Grayswood Green	Grayswood Road	-	Freehold	Land only	
Play Area, Sickle Road	Sickle Road	-	Freehold	Land only	
Recreation Ground, High Lane	High Lane	-	Freehold	Land only	
Open Space & Play Area, Eight Acres	Tilford Road	-	Freehold	Land only	
Recreation Ground, Woolmer Hill	Woolmer Hill Road	GU27 1LT	Freehold	Land only	
Athletics Track, Woolmer Hill Recreation Ground	Woolmer Hill Road	GU27 1LT	Freehold	Land only	
Artificial Pitch, Woolmer Hill Recreation Ground	Woolmer Hill Road	GU27 1QA	Freehold	Land only	
High Lane Community Centre	High Lane	-	Freehold	Land with Building	
Weaving House, West Street	West Street	-	Freehold	Land only	Confirm this is the building also?
Pavilion, Woolmer Hill Recreation Ground	Woolmer Hill Road	GU27 1LT	Freehold	Land with Building	
Locality Office, Lion Lane	Lion Green	GU27 1LD	Freehold	Land with Building	
Car Park, Public, Part, High Street	High Street	-	Freehold	Land only	
Car Park, Public, Main, High Street	High Street	-	Freehold	Land only	
Car Park, Public, Chestnut Close	Chestnut Avenue	GU27 2AT	Freehold	Land only	
Car Park, Weydown Road	Weydown Road	GU27 1BT	Freehold	Land only	
Car Park, Grayswood Village Hall, Grayswood Road	Grayswood Road	-	Leasehold	Land only	If part of a package with the hall
Car Park, Tanners Lane	Tanners Lane	-	Leasehold	Land only	

Car Park, Public, Beacon Hill	Hill Road	GU26 6QN	Freehold	Land only	
NOT ON WBC LIST BUT REQUESTED					
Tilford road playground					
George Denyer Pavillion	George Denyer Close				

NB. No Surrey assets have currently been requested. The only one identified as a possible is the Edge leisure centre, but talks between SCC and WBC regarding its future are ongoing and we hope that they will find a solution for its future management.

RECOMMENDED: That Council agrees the content of the working party's note and agrees the list of potential asset transfers above. The Clerk is requested to bring an estimate of costs and resource implications to the next Full Council meeting and is authorised to enter into conversations / make formal applications to WBC for these assets to be transferred, so long as this does not legally bind the council before financial implications have been assessed.