

Corporate Governance Committee – 8th July 2026

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Lead Cllr: Cllr Jo Harvey



Wards	Open / Exempt	Key Decision?
All	Open	Yes

Disposal and Acquisition of Land and Buildings Policy

Executive Summary:

The Disposals & Acquisition Policy: Land and Property was approved by Council in December 2017. The Policy included a requirement to review the disposal and acquisition thresholds included within it. The limits were reviewed in January 2024 with a recommendation they be reviewed again after 24 months. It is proposed that the current thresholds should remain as they are at present and be reviewed again in 24 months' time. The policy has also been amalgamated with the Disposal of Small Land Parcels Policy.

Recommendations

- 1.1. The Committee is invited to comment; and
- 1.2. Review the thresholds again in 24 months' time.

Key Corporate Plan Priorities

- 1 Priority 2 – Creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations.
- 2 Priority 3 – Doing our core work well.

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update members on the Disposals & Acquisitions Policy.

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

- 1.2 The Disposals & Acquisition Policy, please see appendix 1 was approved by Council on the 13th December 2017, following recommendation from the Corporate Governance Panel held on the 29th November 2017. At the Corporate Governance Committee meeting it was proposed that the thresholds for acquisitions and disposals would be reviewed every two years.

The last review was in January 2024 and the current thresholds are shown in Table 1 below (no change to previous version).

Threshold	Delegated Approval
£0 - £500,000	Chief Executive (as Head of Paid Service) and Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (as Section 151 Officer), following consultation with the Executive Councillor for Finance.
£500,000 - £2,000,000	Treasury and Capital Management Group
Over £2,000,000	Cabinet

During this review it was decided that the Disposals and Acquisitions Policy and the Disposal of Small Land Parcels Policy would be amalgamated.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 1.3 It is proposed the thresholds remain at the current levels as they allow for appropriate scrutiny of relevant acquisitions and disposals.
- 1.4 It is proposed the limits are reviewed again in 24 months' time.

COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

- 1.5 N/A

POST-DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 1.6 The Policy will be implemented and followed.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

- 1.7 **Council Key Priorities and Performance**

This policy links to Priority 2 and Priority 3 in the Corporate Plan

Priority 2 – Forward-thinking economic growth

Priority 3 - Delivering good quality, high value-for-money services with good control and compliance with statutory obligations.

Priority 2 - Creating a better Huntingdonshire for future generations

 <p>Improving housing</p>	 <p>Forward-thinking economic growth</p>	 <p>Lowering carbon emissions</p>
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Priority 3 - Doing our core work well

 Delivering good quality, high value-for-money services with good control and compliance with statutory obligations

1.8 Financial Implications

1.8.1 N/A

1.9 Policy Implications

1.9.1 N/A

1.10 Legal & Constitutional Implications

1.10.1 There are no proposed changes to the current thresholds, therefore no changes will be required to the Constitution or the Code of Procurement.

1.11 Community Impact

1.11.1 N/A

1.12 Environment & Climate Change Implications

1.12.1 N/A

1.13 Equality & Diversity Implications

1.13.1 N/A

1.14 Implications on Resources

1.14.1 No implications to resources as is an amalgamation of the Disposals and Acquisition Policy and Disposal of Small Land Parcels Policy.

1.15 Health & Wellbeing Implications

1.15.1 N/A

1.16 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Implications





1.16.1 No implications as will be reviewed in line with LGR.

RISK MANAGEMENT

1.17 N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Document List	Custodian	File Location
Appendix 1 – Disposal and Acquisition Policy	Estates Department	 Appendix1 - Disposal and Acquisition of Lar
Appendix 2 – Disposal and Acquisition Policy 2024	Estates Department	 Appendix2 - Disposal and Acquisition of Lar
Appendix 3 – Disposal of Small Land Parcels Policy	Estates Department	 Appendix 3 - Disposal of Small Lan
Appendix 4 – Disposal and Acquisition Policy (Tracked Changes from last version),	Estates Department	 Disposal and Acquisition of Land ar