Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 5 September 2017

Proposed sale of land at Gyle Park, Edinburgh, for Electricity Substation

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Executive Summary

This report seeks Committee approval for the disposal of approximately 340 sq.m of land at Gyle Park, Glasgow Road, Edinburgh, to Scottish Power Distribution PLC, together with a servitude right of access over part of the park for maintenance and laying cables.

The area of land lies adjacent to an existing Scottish Power substation. Scottish Power wish to upgrade and extend the existing substation to facilitate the growing energy demands within in the area. Agreement has been reached, in principle, to dispose of the land by sale.



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1. **Recommendations**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Finance and Resources Committee:
 - 1.1.1 Approves the sale of land, to Scottish Power Distribution PLC, under the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources; and
 - 1.1.2 Approves the granting of a related servitude right of access for maintenance and laying cables.

2. Background

2.1 In 1963, Scottish Power Distribution Ltd purchased 125.42sqm of land at Gyle Park from the Council to accommodate a primary electricity substation.

3. Main report

- 3.1 Scottish Power Distribution PLC are now seeking to upgrade and extend the existing substation to facilitate the growing demand within the local area. To do so, they require an additional area of ground extending to approximately 340sqm. The area of ground and related servitude right of access for maintenance and laying cables are shown outlined red and coloured blue on the plan attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The sale of the land is proposed at £3,000 with Scottish Power Distribution PLC covering the Council's legal and administrative costs.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The Council will benefit from a capital receipt of £3,000.
- 4.2 Continued provision of suitable electricity supply within the locality.

5. Financial impact

5.1 A capital receipt of £3,000 will be received in financial year 2017/18.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 If the sale did not progress it could put pressure on Scottish Power Distribution PLC's ability to provide adequate energy within the locality.

7. Equalities impact

7.1 This report has been assessed in terms of equalities and human rights. There are currently no negative equality and rights impacts arising from this report.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 The proposed sale would contribute towards Scottish Power Distribution PLC's delivery of a more efficient substation.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 The locality office and parks officers have been consulted.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 None.

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Location Plan



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