Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 10 October 2019

Land at Prestonfield Gardens, Edinburgh – Proposed Disposal

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1. Recommendations

1.1 That Committee:

1.1.1 Approves the sale of 460 sq m (0.11 acres) of land adjacent to 37 Prestonfield Gardens, Edinburgh on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

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2. Executive Summary

2.1 The owner of 37 Prestonfield Gardens has applied to purchase Council-owned land adjacent to their property that has been declared surplus to requirements. The land will be used as garden ground. The report seeks approval to dispose of the land on the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The owner of 37 Prestonfield Gardens, Edinburgh has applied to the Council to purchase an area of grassed amenity land adjacent to their property.
- 3.2 The area of land extends to approximately 460 sq m (0.11 acres) as shown outlined in red on the attached plan. It has restricted access and a steep slope towards its boundary with Prestonfield Gardens.
- 3.3 The land is held on the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and has been declared surplus to the Council's operational requirements.

4. Main report

4.1 The following terms have been provisionally agreed:

Subjects: Land extending to approximately 460 sq m (0.11 acres)

at 37 Prestonfield Gardens;

Price £10,600;

Title Conditions: The use of the land will be restricted to garden ground

only;

Costs: The purchaser will be responsible for all Council and

Legal costs.

4.1 The title condition will prevent the land being used for any purpose other than garden ground, without prior written approval by way of a minute of waiver.

5. Next Steps

5.1 Following approval of the terms by Finance and Resources Committee, Legal Services will be instructed to conclude the transaction.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 A capital receipt of £10,600 to the Housing Revenue Account during financial year 2019/20.
- 6.2 Disposal of the land will remove the need for ongoing maintenance by the Council.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1 Ward elected members have been made aware of the recommendations of the report.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 N/A

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Location Plan

