WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	APPROVAL OF SMALLHOLDINGS DISPOSAL PLAN	
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price, P Rone.	
Date of Decision:	14 April 2016	
Exempt:	No	
Confidential	No	
This is a key decision because it is like working in an area comprising one or m	ely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or ore wards in the county.	
	h Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of rangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England)	
Urgency/Special Urgency:	No	
(As defined in Constitution)		
Purpose:	To approve the smallholdings disposal plan.	
Decision:	THAT:	
	 (a) the procurement of an agent to provide professional services in connection with the disposal be undertaken through ESPO 2700 framework; and (b) the identified sites at paragraph 14 be excluded from the disposal. 	
Reasons for the Decision:	To implement the policy approved by cabinet on 3 December 2015.	
Options Considered:	Do nothing; this is not recommended as the policy decision to undertake a structured disposal of the smallholdings estate has already been taken and disposal receipts are essential to the delivery of the medium term financial strategy.	
	An open procurement could be undertaken; this is not recommended in view of the longer timescale required increasing the period of uncertainty for tenants, and the additional potential holding costs associated with this option.	
	An alternative framework could be used; this is not recommended as the recommended framework includes providers with the most relevant professional expertise combined with a presence in the county.	

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	No sites could be excluded from the disposals programme; this is not recommended because the greater financial or economic benefits can be derived from development opportunities.	
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):		
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	20 April 2016	

COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON	 Date: 14 April 2016
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	

a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

■ in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.