

## **RIVER LAWN**

### **Item FIP 21/52 referred from Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board of 15 September 2021**

The joint report of the Leader, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change and the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive provided an update on the proposed disposal of open space at River Lawn, Tonbridge.

Careful consideration was given to a number of options for the site and whether the previously approved sale of the land should be progressed. It was reported that the non-delivery of the proposed sale would have a detrimental impact on the Savings and Transformation Strategy and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Members recognised the difficult financial position faced by the Borough Council but on balance were minded not to continue with the proposed sale of the open space at River Lawn. Members requested that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board to consider options for the longer-term use of the land (including the option to rewild the site) and in order that the Advisory Board may consider whether to continue with the objection to the public rights of way application.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the proposed sale of the open space land at River Lawn Road be discontinued.

**\*Referred to Cabinet**