

**REPORT OF THE ESTATES OFFICER
ON BEHALF OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF NATIONAL PARK OWNED LAND AT
BLOCKETT FARM, LITTLE HAVEN**

Background:

The Authority's land ownership at Blockett Farm is shown edged red on the attached OS Plan (see Appendix 1) and comprises an overgrown grassed paddock with some native broadleaf saplings enclosed within a Pembrokeshire hedge bank and perimeter walkway.

It was acquired for a nominal sum in 2002 to facilitate a landscape improvement project. That work was undertaken by the Authority in the same year using WDA grants and involved the removal of redundant turkey sheds which covered the vast majority of the 2.6 acre site. The Vendor at that time was, and remains, an adjoining land owner who imposed restrictive covenants on the future use of the land to that of grass land management only involving a maximum 2 head of livestock per year only. That covenant remains enforceable by the adjoining land owner.

Having delivered our reclamation objectives for the land, your Officers are of the opinion that there is no ongoing justification for the Authority to retain its ownership and have therefore declared it surplus and offered it for sale in accordance with the Authority's adopted Asset Management Policy.

That open market exercise commenced in January of this year and was undertaken by external agents acting on the instructions of your Officers. Sealed tender bids were invited from interested parties and following consideration of the bids received, your Officers have provisionally agreed terms for the sale of the land to the highest bidder. The terms of that disposal will include the introduction of an additional restrictive covenant upon the property preventing the erection of any new structures upon the land.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members authorise the disposal of the subject land on the terms outlined above.

