

Agenda item 3

For information – Update on the progress of the Selwood Garden Community and Saxonvale Planning applications

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Selwood Garden Community

The planning application was due to go to the Somerset East Planning Committee on 11 July with a recommendation for approval subject to conditions, however this has now been delayed due to Highways England requesting some further information in relation to works on the A36 junction works.

We do not have a new date for the committee meeting yet.

Saxonvale

Both Acorn and Mayday have submitted their bids to Somerset Council to purchase the site. There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Somerset Council Executive Committee on 31st July 2.00pm – 4.00pm, here at the Town Hall in the Council Chamber.

The decision about who to sell the site will be made at that meeting and there will then be a 5 day call in period, where the Scrutiny Committee could call in the decision.

Papers for the meeting will be available from 23rd July and will include a summary and assessment of both bids, there will not be an officer recommendation, it will be for Cllrs to debate and decide.

The outline planning application submitted by Mayday, has been approved subject to the S106 legal agreement being signed by both Somerset and Mayday.

The revised outline planning application submitted by Acorn is still being considered by Somerset planning officers.