

CABINET MEETING

DATE: 18 JULY 2018



NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO TAKE AN URGENT KEY DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 AND THE FOLLOWING RULE(S) IN THE FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION:-

Part 6.4, 'Cabinet Access to Information Procedure Rules' – Rule 12 'General Exception' and Rule 14 'Private Meetings of the Executive'.

Proposed Acquisition of Land at Otterpool Park

This report makes recommendations that the council should acquire certain parcels of land within the site of the proposed Otterpool Park Garden Town and to enter into options to purchase other areas. It also seeks delegated authority to purchase additional sites.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT:

1. The decision on the matter outlined above cannot practically be deferred until the publicity requirements for key and exempt decisions can be met because:

The council has been negotiating with various owners in the Otterpool Park area. It is apparent that some wish to sell. It is considered that the council should acquire the relevant properties as soon as possible and whilst the owners are willing to dispose of their properties. It is not in the council's or the present owners' interests to delay the transactions.
2. The decision will therefore be taken after five clear working days have elapsed from the date of this notice and its publication; that is, at a meeting of the Cabinet on the date shown above.
3. The Head of Paid Service has notified the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in writing, of the matter on which the decision is to be made and obtained the latter's agreement that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.
4. It is proposed to exclude the public from this item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in the following paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)



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A Key Decision is any decision:

- (a) Relating to the approval of or variation to the Council's Budget or Policy Framework which is reserved in the Council's Constitution for determination by full Council on a recommendation from Cabinet; or
- (b) Which involves the incurring of expenditure, or the making of savings, by the Council, which are anticipated to be in excess of £300,000 with the exception of items previously included in the relevant approved budget ; or
- (c) Where the Council is entering into a contractual obligation with a value in excess of £500,000; or
- (d) For the acquisition or disposal of land or property with a value of over £500,000; or
- (e) Which is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Council's area.

A decision will not be a key decision if it relates to expenditure, income or savings that:

- a) Has been approved previously by full Council; or
- b) Has been approved previously, following compliance with the key decision procedure; or
- c) Is in accordance with the current treasury management and investment policy of the Council.