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Report Number **A/19/22**

**To:** Council  
**Date:** 29 January 2020  
**Status:** Non- Executive Decision  
**Head of Paid Service:** Susan Priest  
**Responsible Officer:** Amandeep Khroud, Assistant Director – Governance, Law and Regulatory Services

**SUBJECT: REPORT TO COUNCIL ON A KEY DECISION MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION'S CALL-IN AND URGENCY' RULE**

**SUMMARY:** The constitution provides that, when an urgent key decision is made by the Cabinet, for which any delay in implementation, likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest, then the 'Call-in Rules of Procedure', Part 6.3, rules 1-6 do not apply. Key decisions, taken as a matter of urgency, must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This report is recommended to Council, to note for information, in accordance with the constitution, Part 6.3, rule 7.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**To receive and note report A/19/22.**

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The constitution provides that, when an urgent key decision is made by the Cabinet, for which any delay in implementation, likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest, then the call-in rules of procedure, Part 6.3, rules 1 to 6, do not apply. Key decisions, taken as a matter of urgency, must be reported to the next available meeting of the council, together with the reasons for urgency.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 20 December 2019, the Cabinet considered report C/19/53, which recommended the acquisition of further interests at Otterpool Park.

The Cabinet made the following resolution:

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That report C/19/53 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the interests and assets identified in the report be acquired on the terms reported orally to the meeting.**

(Voting figures: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

- 1.3 It was necessary to take the decision under the constitution's 'Call in and Urgency' rule (Part 6.3, rule 7) because of the need to complete the acquisition urgently to enable the Otterpool Park garden town project to proceed expeditiously and to meet the seller's timescales.

## 2 LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

### 2.1 **Legal Officer's comments (AK)**

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

### 2.2 **Finance Officer's comments (LW)**

The financial implications of this report were addressed in cabinet report C/18/13 to which this relates.

### 2.3 **Diversity and Equalities Implications (ST)**

There are no diversity and equality implications arising from this report.

## 3 CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting:

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None