

## **DECISION RECORD <sup>1</sup>**

### **GENERAL EXCEPTION OFFICER KEY DECISION**

<b>Subject: Acquisition of former police station from Hertfordshire County Council</b>	
<b>Staff Contact: Tom Pike</b>	<b>Executive Member: John Gardner</b>
<b>Tel: 01438 242288</b>	<b>Portfolio: Environment and Regeneration</b>

#### **1. Decision**

**That the Strategic Director:**

- I. Has determined that Annex A to this Decision Record should not be disclosed to the public as it contains exempt information as defined by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A; the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighing the public interest in disclosing that information;**
- II. Approves the acquisition of the former police station as part of the SG1 land assembly and agrees to the signing of the contract.**

#### **2. Reasons for the decision**

**The site is required as part of the SG1 regeneration scheme and the Council has committed to working with public sector partners to assemble the land required for the scheme. Delegated authority was granted by Executive on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 to proceed with SG1, including the acquisition of land required for the regeneration scheme to be delivered. The matter is urgent and cannot wait until the following meeting of the Executive because the external project funding is time limited and must be spent without delay to ensure that funding is not withdrawn.**

#### **3. Alternative options considered and rejected <sup>2</sup>**

**The only alternative would be to not proceed with the acquisition of the site – this would mean that the SG1 regeneration scheme does not proceed and is not an acceptable outcome.**

#### **4. Consultation**

- (a) Comments of Executive Member <sup>3 4</sup>**

**No objection to proceeding.**

- (b) Comments of other consultees <sup>5</sup>**

**N/A**

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**5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: ..... **SIGNATURE REDACTED** .....

Title: ..... **CHIEF EXECUTIVE** .....

Date: ..... **02/02/19** .....

**6. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED/SIGNED FORM TO CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLICATION**

<sup>1</sup> for guidance see Borough Solicitor's note "Taking Decisions"

<sup>2</sup> details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

<sup>3</sup> record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest **DO NOT PROCEED** without seeking advice from the Borough Solicitor

<sup>4</sup> If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

<sup>5</sup> If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.