

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Explanatory Note

The Leader of the Council has established Delegation Schemes by which certain decisions may be made by the relevant cabinet member or specific officers.

Cabinet member decisions are subject to review under the Call-in Procedure.

From the date the notice of the decision made is published there are five working days during which any five Councillors may sign a request for the decision to be reviewed (called in) and deliver it to the Proper Officer.

If, at the end of the period, no request has been made, the decision may be implemented. If a valid call- in request has been made, the matter will be referred to the Scrutiny Panel

Part A – To be completed by the appropriate Cabinet Member/Officer

Title of Report

Property Purchase In Vineyard Street

Delegated Power

To delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Commercial and Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Commercial Services to agree formal terms and conclude the purchases in line with the Heads of Terms contained in the confidential appendix

Decision Taken

To approve the proposed purchase of a property in Vineyard St, Colchester to facilitate future delivery of a redevelopment scheme in the area

Key Decision

No

Forward Plan

- N/A

Reasons for the Decision

- 1.1 In a report to Cabinet on 17 March 2014 Cabinet agreed to set aside in the RIF up to £6.1 million to acquire land required for the development of the Vineyard Gate scheme.
- 1.2 Whilst negotiations with a developer have still to be concluded, the Council is continuing to engage with property owners within the proposed land acquisition boundary. The Council has been very clear that it supports a redevelopment of this area and opportunity has arisen to acquire this property.
- 1.3 The ability to secure a greater landholding in this area will assist with the facilitation of this development.

Alternative Options

The Council could decide not acquire this property, however, if it was purchased by a third party, who improved them, then this could result in a higher purchase price for the Council when redevelopment and site assembly comes forward

Conflict of Interest

N/A

Dispensation by Head of Paid Service

N/A

Dispensation by Monitoring Officer

N/A

Approved by Portfolio Holder for Commercial Services

Signature Cllr Annie Feltham

Date 31 January 2018

(**NB** For Key Decisions the report must be made available to the public for five clear days prior to the period for call-in commencing)

Part B – To be completed by the Proper Officer (Democratic Services)

Portfolio Holder Decision Reference Number

COM – 001 - 17

Implementation Date

This decision can be implemented if no request for the decision to be reviewed (call-in) has been made **after 5pm on *Tuesday 20 February 2018***

Call-in Procedure

The Decision Notice for this decision was published on the internet and placed in the Members' Room and the Customer Service Centre on ***Tuesday 13 February 2018***

A request for reference to the Scrutiny Panel must be made by **5pm on *Tuesday 20 February 2018***

Signature of Proper Officer
Richard Clifford