

## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### ANNUAL COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017

Title of report	<b>URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET IN QUARTER 4 2016/17</b>
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Purpose of report	In accordance with the Council's Constitution, to formally report that the Cabinet has taken decisions, which are considered to be urgent and, if delayed, would be likely to cause serious prejudice to the Council's interests.
Council priorities	Homes and Communities Value for Money
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	Financial implications were taken into account by the Cabinet in reaching its decision.
Link to relevant CAT	None.
Risk Management	To comply with Special Urgency Rule 17 of Part 4.3 of the Council's Constitution, the decisions made by Cabinet are to be reported to Council.
Equalities Impact Screening	Not applicable.
Human Rights	Not applicable.
Transformational Government	This relates to the new ways in which Councils are being asked to deliver their services
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.

Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees	Corporate Leadership Team
Background papers	<a href="#">Council's Constitution</a> <a href="#">Minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 17 January 2017</a>
Recommendations	<b>THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE REPORT.</b>

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Special Urgency Procedure states that if the date by which an executive decision must be taken and the general exception Rule 16 cannot be followed, then the decision can only be taken if Cabinet has obtained the agreement of the Chairman of the Policy Development Group that the taking of the decision cannot be reasonably deferred. If the chairman of the Policy Development Group is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman will suffice.
- 1.2 The Leader is required to submit a quarterly report to the Council on the executive decisions taken under this rule in the preceding three months. The report will include the number of decisions taken and a summary of the matter about which each decision was made.
- 1.3 The reporting timetable for 2016/17 is as follows:-

			REPORT TO COUNCIL
Q1			13 September 2016
April	May	June	
Q2			8 November 2016
July	August	Sept	
Q3			23 February 2017
Oct	Nov	Dec	
Q4			16 May 2017
Jan	Feb	Mar	

- 1.4 No urgent decisions were taken by Cabinet in quarters 1 – 3 and as such, a quarterly report to Council was not required.

## **2.0 DECISIONS MADE DURING QUARTER 4**

- 2.1 One urgent executive decision was made during quarter 4. A summary of the decision is detailed below:-

### **Cabinet Decision**

- 2.2 At its meeting on 17 January 2017, Cabinet considered a report entitled "Proposal to Dispose of Land at North Close, Blackfordby".
- 2.3 It was resolved that:
- a) The comments and implications of the report be noted.
  - b) The disposal of the open land at North Close, Blackfordby be approved to allow the development of affordable housing by East Midlands Homes.
  - c) The authority to liaise with Ashby Town Council and East Midlands Housing to complete the sale of the land be delegated to the Director of Housing in conjunction with the Housing Portfolio Holder.
- 2.4 Members were advised that the decision to be taken was urgent for the following reason:-
- "Following the publication of the site notice, a query was raised regarding the ownership of the land which requires a decision by Cabinet. Delaying the decision until the next available meeting of Cabinet could jeopardise the development of the site going forward".

## **3.0 CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 In line with the Special Urgency Procedure the Chairman of the Policy Development Group had agreed that the decisions proposed were reasonable in all circumstances and that they should be treated as a matter of urgency.