



Report To: Annual Council
Lead Officer: Monitoring Officer

16 May 2019

Urgent Executive Decisions

Purpose

1. To provide an information report on a decision which was exempted from call-in under Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules 12.18 – 12.20.

Recommendations

2. That the report be noted.

Reason for Recommendation

3. The report is for information and is submitted to Council in accordance with Rule 12.19 of the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules.

Background

4. Rule 12.18 of the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution provides that the call-in procedure shall not apply where the decision being taken by the executive decision taker is urgent. A decision is urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee must both agree that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.
5. Rule 12.19 provides that decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for the urgency.
6. Council is advised of the following urgent decision taken:-

Title	Decision taken	Date	Decision taker	Reason for urgency
Purchase of 140 Cambridge Science Park	To proceed with the purchase of 140 Cambridge Science Park for £13,000,000.	11 March 2019	Executive Director, after consultation with Property Investment Governance Board.	<p>The Chairman of the Council and Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (in the absence of the Chairman) agreed that the decision proposed was reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. The decision was urgent as the vendor required an urgent response from bidders for the property. Any delay in making a decision would have greatly reduced the Council's chances of success.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Council and Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (in the absence of the Chairman) agreed that the decision was an urgent one and could not reasonably be deferred and should therefore not be subject to call-in, based on the risk of the Council not being able to acquire the investment property.</p>

7. The decision notice dated 11 March 2019 may be viewed via the following link:-

[Link to Urgent Decision - Purchase of 140 Cambridge Science Park](#)

Implications

8. Taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, there are no significant implications in connection with this information report.

Background Papers

9. No background papers were used in preparation of this report.

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