

Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

11 and 12 Northumberland Square, North Shields

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

The Elected Mayor

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Authority to acquire 11/12 Northumberland Square ("the Property") which is a vacant former office building located adjacent to the Authority's former offices at 13 to 16 Northumberland Square, and which are currently being refurbished for residential use by Aurora Properties (Sale) Limited.

If the Authority acquires the Property, it is the intention that it can be converted to residential use to complement the development scheme at 13 to 16 Northumberland Square and the emerging North Shields Masterplan.

It will also contribute to delivering the Authority's Ambition for North Tyneside which confirms a commitment to provide improved housing in North Shields that will attract more people to live in the town centre.

5. Alternative Options considered

To decline the option of purchasing 11 and 12 Northumberland Square

6. Decision

The Elected Mayor approved the recommendations at paragraph 1.2 of the report and agreed to the acquisition of 11 and 12 Northumberland Square on the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

7. Reasons for the Decision

The acquisition of the Property will add immediate and significant value to the ongoing regeneration scheme at 13 to 16 Northumberland Square.

8. Date Decision Made

30 March 2020

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

No – see below*

10. Date of Publication

30 March 2020

11. Implementation Date

30 March 2020

*Note – this is an Urgent Decision, as agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Chair of Council.

The reason for urgency is as follows:

The owner of 11 and 12 Northumberland Square accepted the Authority's offer for the property conditional upon the acquisition being completed on or around 31 March 2020.