

Record of Delegated Non Executive Decisions by Officers

1. Subject of decision: Land at Castle Square, Backworth

Delegation Reference (CAM67):

Approval to declare as surplus to the Authority, market and sell any land or property where the capital value is up to £250,000, in consultation with the Head of Resources, the Head of Law and Governance, the Elected Mayor, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and other relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holders.

This decision has been delegated to one or more officer(s) under:

- (a) A specific express authorisation (provide the date, report and decision of Council, Committee or Sub-Committee etc which delegated this to the specific officer(s))
- (b) a general authorisation to take such decisions **and**, the effect of the decision is to:
- (i) grant a permission or licence;
 - (ii) affect the rights of an individual; or
 - (iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Authority's financial position.

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

The Head of Commissioning and Asset Management

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

None

4. Executive Summary

To seek approval to declare land at Castle Square in Backworth, (the Site), surplus to the Authority's requirements and to make it available for sale to a Registered Provider for the development of affordable Homes.

As the proposed sale price detailed in Section 1.5 of the report is below £0.250m, this matter can be considered in accordance with Item CAM67 of the Officer Delegation Scheme (June 2019).

By making the site available for development by a Registered Provider, this will assist in the Authority's priority of overseeing the delivery of 3000 affordable homes in the Borough by the end of 2024.

5. Alternative options considered

To not declare the Site surplus to the Authority's requirements or approve the sale of it to the Bernicia Group, in which case it will remain undeveloped and within the ownership of the Authority.

6. Decision(s)

The Head of Commissioning and Asset Management declared the Site surplus to the Authority's requirements and approved the sale of it to the Bernicia Group subject to the terms detailed in Section 1.5 of the report for the development of affordable homes.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The recommended option is considered to be the most advantageous way forward to assist in the Authority's priority of overseeing the delivery of 3000 affordable homes in the Borough by the end of 2024.

8. Date Decision Made

15 December 2020

9. Date of Publication (where appropriate)

15 December 2020

Please note the report referred to in this decision notice is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information).