

## URGENT DECISIONS

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**Wards affected:** (All Wards);

**Urgent Decision?(yes/no)** No

**If yes, reason urgent decision required:**

**Appendices (attached):**

### Summary

In accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, by reason of special circumstances, the Chair is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

To report to the committee one decisions taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

### Recommendation (s)

**The Committee is asked to:**

**(1) Note the urgent decision taken and the reasons for that decision.**

#### 1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 To report to the Committee a decision taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

#### 2 Background

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- 2.1 The scheme of delegation sets out that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.
  
- 2.2 Since the last ordinary meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee one urgent decision has been taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair, Cllr Neil Dallen and published in Member News in line with the Council's Constitution, Appendix 2, Paragraph 3.1. iii. The decision is set out below:
  - 2.2.1 **Decision 159** – To place 70 East street under offer for sale.
  - 2.2.2 **Urgency reason for decision 159** – Following the conclusion of a marketing exercise a number of offers for the property had been received. Action was required to secure the recommended purchaser and it was necessary for the Council to show willingness to progress the sale by putting the property under offer. Full authorisation to progress the sale is being sought at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

### 3 Risk Assessment

#### Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
  - 3.1.1 None arising directly from this report
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
  - 3.2.1 None arise from this report
- 3.3 Safeguarding
  - 3.3.1 None arise from this report
- 3.4 Dependencies
  - 3.4.1 None arise from this report
- 3.5 Other
  - 3.5.1 none

### 4 Financial Implications

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- 4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Finance are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

### 5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** Legal are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

### 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Managing the Council's assets

- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None directly.

- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

- 6.5 **Partnerships:** N/A

- 6.6 **Local government reorganisation (LGR) implications:** There are no implications from LGR for this report – this action has been taken in advance of any potential restrictions imposed.

### 7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

**Previous reports:**

- None.

**Other papers:**

- None.