

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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1. **URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE**

1.1 **CABINET MEMBERS FOR REGENERATION, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT**

1.1.1 The Cabinet Members for Regeneration, Corporate Services and Environment each agreed on 10 December 2010 that the decision set out below was urgent and needed to be actioned within the call-in period. The reason for urgency was because of the necessity to purchase the land immediately. In accordance with the Constitution's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor, in consultation with the Head of Paid Service and the Chairman of the Environment and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee, agreed that the decision was reasonable in all the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency and not be subject to call-in.

1.1.2 Purchase of land at "The Veitch Land", Old Chatham Road, Aylesford

To consider the purchase of land at "The Veitch Land, Old Chatham Road, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7EE.

1.1.3 Decision Made

That the Assistant Director of Environment and Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to negotiate with London and Continental Railways Ltd and/or their agents to purchase the land at "The Veitch Land", Old Chatham Road, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7EE at the lowest possible price but not to exceed £100,000 plus VAT, funded from balances.

1.2 **CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION**

1.2.1 The Cabinet Member for Regeneration agreed on 17 January 2011 that the decision set out below was urgent and needed to be actioned within the call-in period. The reason for urgency was because the deadline for submission of the consultation responses was 17 January 2011. In accordance with the Constitution's Overview and Scrutiny

Procedure Rules, the Mayor, in consultation with the Head of Paid Service and the Chairman of the Leisure and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Committee, agreed that the decision was reasonable in all the circumstances and should be treated as a matter of urgency and not be subject to call-in.

1.2.2 Response to the Consultation on the Future of Social Housing

To consider the observations made by the Head of Housing and Community Safety to the consultation paper and agree the response from Maidstone Borough Council.

1.2.3 Decision Made

That the response to the consultation as set out in Appendix B to the reference from the Strategic Housing Advisory Committee be agreed.

RECOMMENDED:

This report is for information only.

Background Documents

Record of Decision of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration dated 10 December 2010

Record of Decision of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services dated 10 December 2010

Record of Decision of the Cabinet Member for Environment dated 10 December 2010

Record of Decision of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration dated 17 January 2011