

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E3271

RULE 15 Keynsham Land Acquisition

Decision maker/s	Cllr Dine Romero, Leader in consultation with Cllr Richard Samuels, Cabinet Member for Resources Cllr Tim Ball, Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Economic Development
The Issue	An opportunity has arisen to acquire approx. 70 acres of land in Keynsham that would facilitate the early delivery of adopted transport policy, as set out in the Joint Local Transport Plan 4, that is required to address existing congestion issues and likely to be required before new homes could come forward. The enabling infrastructure would help to alleviate existing traffic congestion in Keynsham, enable delivery of wider public transport improvements and potentially support new housing development. The Council has secured grant from WECA's Land Acquisition Fund (LAF) to acquire the land.
Decision Date	Not before 1 st March 2021
The decision	The Cabinet Members agree to Delegate approval to the Director of Partnership and Corporate Services in consultation with the S151 Finance officer to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Enter the Land Acquisition Fund grant agreement with WECA to acquire the land.II. Thereafter, add to the 2020/21 Capital Programme as a new approved item for Keynsham Land Acquisition to the value of grant agreed.III. Enter the Contract for Sale with the vendor.
Rationale for decision	The primary reason for public intervention is to facilitate early delivery of adopted transport policy. This decision is made under Urgency Rule 15 (Constitution 4B Access to Information Rules) to enable the Land Sale to complete within the timescales agreed within the Heads of Terms. To not proceed under urgency powers will risk the Council being able to comply with this condition.
Financial and budget implications	WECA's Land Acquisition Fund will fund the land purchase together with all costs associated with the purchase.
Issues considered	Sustainability; Property; Corporate

Consultation undertaken	Overview & Scrutiny Panel; 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer; Director for Partnerships and Corporate Services.
How consultation was carried out	Correspondence via email
Other options considered	Do Nothing -The Council leaves it to the market to bring the land and associated infrastructure forward once viable to do so. This could stall development, or bring forward in a piecemeal manner not in accordance with emerging or adopted policy
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Cllr Dine Romero
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	