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Sent: 12 December 2024 14:14
To: JACKMAN Emma-Louise
Cc: MALTON Jonathan; BARKER Jenny; WINFIELD Jane; OFOSU Jason; WILLIAMS Joanna
Subject: Re: Urgent Key Decision

Dear Emma

Thank you for your message.

I note the content of your email and confirm the use in exceptional circumstances of the Urgency Powers set out in Part 15.17 and Part 17.9 of the Constitution.

This means as Chair of scrutiny I approve that the following are removed: the call in right, and the 5-day requirement to wait to enact the urgent key decision

Kind Regards
Katherine

Cllr Katherine Miles
City Councillor for Summertown Ward (Liberal Democrat)
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Subject: Urgent Key Decision

Dear Cllr Miles

I have an urgent key decision which I need to provide you notice of and ask for the call in right and 5-day requirement to wait to enact to be removed. This is one where there is urgency based on factors outside of our control due to the commercial nature of the transaction.

This request is for the use of Urgency Powers under Part 15.17 of the Constitution to enable a Key Decision that has not been advertised on the Forward Plan for 28 days and to allow the decision to be exempted from call in accordance with under Part 17.9. We could not do this as the first opportunity to get Cabinet delegation was at the meeting yesterday, due to the quick moving nature of the transaction.

For information - The Urgent Decision also relates to confidential matters as allowed for under Part 15.4 (b) and (c) (c) b of the constitution because the information relates to financial or business affairs.

A report was taken to Cabinet on the 11 December 2024 in relation to the sale of City Council Land (item 18 on the agenda) - [REDACTED]

The Cabinet resolved last night to dispose of land, subject to the contractual terms being agreed, and delegated the agreement of these to the Executive Director Development in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management and the Head of Law and Governance and Head of Financial Services.

The seller has operational issues that requires completion this side of the Christmas break. Contracts are in the process of being finalised. Further the offer made for the land is commercially sensitive and is based on completion before the end of the calendar year. With the exchange of contracts and agreements to the timetable being set by the purchaser, delay significantly derisks the sale for the Council and secures the initial financial payments within the financial current year. As such the decision also supports the Council's financial position within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

We could not publish the officer decision to be taken until we had the delegation from Cabinet, presenting the timing issue.

In these exceptional circumstances it is therefore requested the use of the Urgency Powers set out in Part 15.17 and Part 17.9 of the Constitution.

Please can I ask for your response once you have had opportunity to consider this. If you agree I will report it to Council in January.

Kind regards

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