



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Date: 26 March 2024

Executive Decision – Case of Special Urgency

In accordance with the provisions of procedure rule 18.6 of the Overview and Scrutiny procedure rules, as set out in the Council's Constitution, and Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, I hereby agree that the implementation of the exempt executive decision referred to below is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

We are therefore in agreement that the following executive decision should not be subject to call in:

Decision Makers: **Worthing Joint Strategic Sub - Committee / Assistant Director for Regenerative Development**

Title of Decisions: **Freehold Land Sale of Teville Gate to Homes England**

Date Decision: **14 March 2024**

Reason why these decisions cannot reasonably be deferred:

The Joint Chairs of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree, after consulting with the Council's Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, that accepting a call-in of the decision by the Joint Strategic Committee - Sub-Committee made on 14th March 2024, would be highly likely to result in the Council incurring significant additional expenditure or significant loss of income.

For this reason the Exemption to the Call-in Procedure has been applied to the Decisions made by the Sub-Committee (and to the Officer Decision Notice to be published by the Assistant Director for Regenerative Development), with the Joint Chairs urgently referring the decision to the next available meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for a detailed scrutiny of the events leading to the sale of the Teville Gate site and the consideration achieved for it.

These decisions need to be agreed by the 28th March 2024 to enable the sale of the Teville Gate site to complete within this financial year. It is noted that this application of urgency is post the decision of the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee Decision of 14 March 2024, however the sale and receipt of sale proceeds is urgent and time critical to both Worthing Borough Council and to Homes England.

To be agreed by:

- (i) the Chairmen of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC); or if there is no such person or he/she is unable to act;
- (ii) the Vice Chairmen; or if there is no such person or he/she is unable to act;
- (iii) the Civic Head.

Name: Councillor Joss Loader (ADC Chairman of JOSC) **Authority:** ADC

Signed: Joss Loader

Date: 26 March 2024

Name: Councilor Heather Mercer (WBC Chairman of JOSC) **Authority:** WBC

Signed: Heather Mercer

Date: 26 March September 2024