

## Statutory Notice of Urgency Key Decision

<b>Subject:</b>	Purchase of a freehold site in Upper Halliford
<b>Purpose:</b>	To consider a request for permission to purchase the freehold of the land and buildings forming a site in Upper Halliford.
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Leader
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Dave Phillips, (Joint) Head of Asset Management Tel: 01784 446424 d.phillips@spelthorne.gov.uk

<b>Notice Published:</b>	16 December 2015
<b>Earliest Possible Decision Date:</b>	13 January 2016
<b>Expected Decision Date:</b>	January 2016
<b>Urgent?</b>	Yes
<b>Reason for Urgency:</b>	The offer to purchase the property was conditional on freeholders obtaining vacant possession of the Site. The freeholders were successful in removing all the occupiers quicker than anticipated and the Council had agreed to complete on the purchase within two weeks of the landholders obtaining vacant possession. The target date for completion of the purchase is now the 22 January 2016. It is therefore not possible to defer the decision until 28 days' notice is given of a meeting being held in private, as this would be beyond the offer deadline.

<b>Documents to be submitted to the Decision-Maker:</b>	Notice of urgent decision
Where the above documents are open to public inspection, copies will be published on the Council's website at least one week before the decision is made.	
Other documents relevant to these matters may be submitted to the decision-maker. Copies of open material will be published on the Council's website as soon as they become available.	
<b>Background Papers Used:</b>	
<b>Consultation Details:</b>	No

<b>Likely to be considered in private session and/or requiring reports containing exempt or confidential information?</b>	It is likely that this item will be Partly exempt as the report and one or more of its appendices may be exempt from publication in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended): Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because, disclosure to the public would prejudice the financial position of the authority in the acquisition of the site by allowing other potential purchasers to know the Council's offer to purchase the site. This in turn
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prejudices the community by (i) distorting the Council's offer and (ii) removing the opportunity for the community to acquire the site through the Council for the social, environmental and economic benefit of the borough.

Representations may be made in favour of this decision being taken in public and/or disclosing any exempt and/or confidential information by contacting the Head of Corporate Governance, Michael Graham, on 01784 446227 no later than one week before the decision is to be made. The decision-maker will consider all representations and respond one week before the decision date.