

To: All Councillors

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Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE was held on Tuesday, 1 November 2022. The Decisions taken at the meeting are set out below.

The deadline for call-in of any of these decisions for scrutiny (within five working days) will be **NOON ON WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2022**. Members must notify Stephen Rix, Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Interim) (Monitoring Officer) by e-mail, telephone or letter if they wish to refer a decision to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Constitution requires that **five non-Executive Members may call-in** a decision of the Executive for scrutiny.

Members should contact their Chairman or Vice-Chairman before calling any items in.

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN RIX

Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Interim) (Monitoring Officer)

## **NOTE FOR MEMBERS**

The item numbers below correspond to the item numbers on the Executive Agenda.

### **AGENDA**

6. **FREEHOLD ENFRANCHISEMENT PURCHASE OF 1-32 WYATTS  
CLOSE GODALMING AND SURROUNDING LAND GU7**

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Executive use its delegated authority to approve the purchase of the unencumbered freehold interest of 1 to 32 Wyatts Close and wider site for the total costs of £1,236,000 to be funded from the Housing Revenue Account.
2. that the Executive receive the background documents to the enfranchisement:
  - Opinion Letter from Bishop & Sewell LLP dated 28 September 2022 [Annexe One]
  - Valuation Report from Perry Hill dated 19 October 2022 [Annexe Two]
  - Settlement Agreement dated 28 September 2022 [Annexe Three]
  - Draft Agreement for Sale National Corp Limited (1) and Waverley Borough Council (2) [Annexe Four]
  - Transfer of Part (TP1) SY788504 £1,015,000 (freehold to houses at 1-32 Wyatts Close) [Annexe Five]
  - Transfer of Part (TP1) SY788504 £10,000 (roadways, verges and remainder of site) [Annexe Six]
3. and upon having considered matters in light of advice received from its advisors the Executive approves to:
  - i ratify the settlement agreement entered into between National Corp Limited and the Council on 28 September 2022, and
  - ii approve the budget virements schedule as at Annexe Seven
4. The Executive approve:
  - iii the purchase of additional land;
  - iv to exchange and complete the statutory contract for the purchase of the freehold to the houses in accordance with the provisions of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967; and
  - v to authorise the Interim Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into any documentation required to effect the transaction.Both steps being simultaneous as set out in the draft Settlement Agreement.

Reason

The Council in securing the freehold of this site will consolidate its holding in this site, to provide social housing and secure control for the future and the ability of considering it in combination with nearby holdings.

**[This decision was taken under the urgency procedures set out in Part 4.5 of the Council's Constitution and is therefore not subject to call-in]**

7. BIODIVERSITY POLICY AND ACTION PLAN

**RESOLVED**

**That the Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan be adopted as council policy.**

Reason

Public, Government and industry awareness of Climate change and the fragile state of our environments, local, national, and international have never been higher or the importance of action so urgent. As a responsible leading local Authority, it is our duty to lead from the front and demonstrate real commitment to recognising the great important of our natural environment and our extreme reliance we place upon it in terms of financial activity, mental health, and wellbeing.

There is a need for a consistent and a comprehensive approach to the Councils management of habitats and wildlife in order that biodiversity is enhanced and increased wherever possible in the borough.

The Council needs a policy that puts the environment into the heart of everything we do, embeds new Legislation such as the Environment Act 2021, and take steps to protect our environments for our future generations.

This Biodiversity policy (Annexe 1) provides the central structure to support the Councils staff and ensure that biodiversity implications are considered central to decision making.

The new Environment Act introduces the requirement for Biodiversity reports, Local Nature Recovery Strategies and the examination and approval of biodiversity gain plans.

**[Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee]**

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