

# CONFIRMATION OF A DECISION OF AN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIR TO AGREE THAT A MATTER BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE SESSION WITHOUT 28 DAYS NOTICE OF THAT INTENTION BEING PROVIDED

#### **DECISION NOTICE**

#### 1. Meeting

Council Cabinet 9 March 2016

### 2. Matter to be considered in private

Strategic Property Transactions

#### 3. Reasons for proposing to consider the matter in private session

The report includes information which is commercially sensitive and which may potentially prejudice the council's negotiating position and is therefore exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Furthermore, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## 4. Reason for notice not being given of this intention 28 days prior to the meeting taking place

The transactions need to be approved as matter of urgency to enable the contracts to be signed by 10 March 2016, any delays may result in the opportunity being lost. When this became known the deadline for giving notice had already passed.

It was recommended to Councillor Jack Stanton, Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board, that this matter be considered in private session. This was agreed by Councillor Stanton on 22 February 2016.

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