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Other Options Considered:

- 1. Do nothing - the property would remain as multi-occupied low standard industrial storage and workspace with management issues and high costs of maintenance. This would also have frustrated and delayed the Fire Authority's search for a new site and potentially delayed their relocation from Shakespeare Street.**
- 2. Sell the site to the Fire Authority for a new fire station that includes accommodation for the Council's Emergency Planning Team. This is the preferred option.**
- 3. Sell the site on the open market - this would be inappropriate and unnecessary as the Fire Authority has agreed to acquire the site at market value.**

Background Papers:

None

Published Works:

None

Affected Wards:

Bridge

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt:

The appendix is exempt from publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of Particular Persons (including the authorityholding that information) and, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest is maintaining the exemption outweighs th public interest in disclosing the information.

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it includes terms for a sale of and a lease for land/property which, if disclosed, will prejudice the Council's position in negotiations relating to the proposed sale and lease.

Documents exempt from publication:

Observations of the Chief Finance Officer.docx, Gresham Works EXEMPT APPENDIX draft v3.1 100415.doc, GRESHAM WORKS site plan.pdf

Consultations:

Date: 07/04/2015

Other:Legal Services - Malcolm Townroe

see exempt appendix (updated 7 April 2015)

Date: 07/04/2015

Chief Finance Officer:Chief Finance Officer - Jim Driver

see exempt appendix

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

Redevelopment of this old industrial property will progress regeneration in the Meadows and Waterside neighbourhoods - improving the environment leading to a reduction in instances of vandalism and crime.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: not applicable

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

No

The call-in procedure does not apply to the proposed decision because the delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair) in his/her absence has been consulted and agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.

Person Consulted: Cllr Brian Parbutt

Consultation Date: 07/04/2015

All terms have been agreed for the sale. The Fire Authority want to progress the construction contract and to remain on programme require to start on site on 13 April 2015.

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance

Legal Advice:

Legal advice on this project has previously been provided on a Leader's Key Decision dated 7 October 2013 and this report moves matters forward.

The proposals set out in this report raise no significant legal issues provided that the Director of Property is satisfied that the overall transaction represents best consideration as required by s123 Local Government Act 1972.

The Legal Team within the Council have been fully engaged in the project from its inception and will continue to provide legal advice as matters progress. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 07/04/2015.

Finance Advice:

This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix

Advice provided by Jim Driver (Finance Service Partner) on 10/04/2015.

Signatures

Graham Chapman (PH for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration)

SIGNED and Dated: 10/04/2015

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