

**Notice of Exemption to Key Decision Process
Riverside House Disposal Options
Forward Plan Reference 1,340**

Members of the Cabinet have been requested to approve a report some of which will be contained in a confidential appendix, in respect of an update on the disposal options for the Riverside House site.

The report was advertised in the forward plan, 28 days in advance of the meeting, but did not highlight that some of the information relating to the report would be confidential by virtue of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and because of the commercial sensitivity of the agreement and ensuring the Council can achieve maximum value from the agreement, and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

These aspects relate to values and legal agreements in the potential disposal of the Riverside House site. In time, when a deal has been agreed, and if and when the agreement with an external party is concluded, some of this will become public information. However, it is anticipated that the legal advice associated with this report will not become public at any stage, and is withheld under paragraph 5, information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

The report is required to be presented at the February meeting of Cabinet due to its relationship with other reports on the agenda as part of wider decisions on accommodation for the Council and Council projects.

The Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executives, Head of Finance, Leader and Scrutiny Chairs have all agreed for the Cabinet to consider this report on 9 February 2023.

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