

## COUNCIL – 17TH JANUARY 2022

### Report of the Chief Executive

#### ITEM 12 URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISION EXEMPTED FROM CALL-IN:

##### (i) ACQUISITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTY

#### Purpose of Report

To note a decision which was exempted from call-in in accordance with Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9.

#### Action Requested

In accordance with Full Council Procedure 9.11(d) questions may be asked of the Leader in relation to the urgent decisions that were taken. The Leader may ask the relevant Lead Member to respond.

#### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The call-in procedure provides for a period of five clear working days during which councillors can ask for decisions taken by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet members, and key decisions taken by officers to be reviewed. With the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission or in his/her absence the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) a decision can be exempted from call-in if the decision to be taken is both urgent and reasonable and the delay caused by the call-in process would not be in the interests of the Council or the public. Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9 requires that decisions that are exempted from call-in are reported to Council.

##### ***(i) Acquisition of affordable housing property***

As part of the S106 agreement for planning application P/1/1538/2 the Council received a sum of money in lieu of the affordable dwellings, for the purchase of affordable housing properties within Woodhouse Eaves.

The purchase of a property being reported to this meeting of Council is set out below:

- 3 Bedroom house, 77 Birdhill Road, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RP

The cost of acquiring the property was £265,000 with associated fees estimated at £2,500 and stamp duty of £11,200 (total cost £278,700).

The Chair of the Scrutiny Commission has been consulted and agreed that the decision be exempted from call-in, as it would not be practical for the usual call-in arrangements for key decisions to be applied as any delay caused could result in the purchase falling through.

The report considered can be found in the Annex to this report.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

As detailed within the Annex to this report.

Report Implications

As detailed within the annexes to this report.

Background Papers:     None

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Annex

Report considered by the relevant officer.