

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Date	27 JANUARY 2014
Title	PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND - WISBECH

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To note the decision of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny to consent to the urgent consideration of the above confidential report to the meeting of Cabinet on 23 January 2014.

2. KEY ISSUES

- Consent, in accordance with the requirements of Part 4 Section 16 of the Constitution, from the Chairman of O & S was requested for this item as it was deemed urgent and confidential, and as a result it was unable to be subject to the required 28 day consultation period via the forward plan.
- The reasons for such an urgent and confidential decision are set out below.
- The report relates to the acquisition of land in Wisbech as previously considered by Cabinet in April 2013.
- It is confidential as there are elements of commercially sensitive information that could affect this site and adjacent land costs. The proposals are also a key decision as it could involve land/property costs at or greater than a value of £250,000.
- This matter is urgent due to the fact that external factors have dictated timescales that the Council are to comply together with associated issues that require Cabinet consideration.
- In accordance with our procedures, a record of the Chairman’s consent is required to be presented to the next O & S meeting for noting, hence the purpose of this report.

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)

To note the decision of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny to consent to the urgent consideration of the above confidential report to the meeting of Cabinet on 23 January 2014.

Wards Affected	Clarkson Ward (adjacent to Medworth & Peckover wards)
Forward Plan Reference No.	
Portfolio Holder(s)	Cllr Alan Melton – Leader Cllr Chris Seaton – Deputy Leader and Economy
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Background Paper(s)	