

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION – CLLR IAN STEPHENS

Title of Matter: ACQUISITION OF LAND AT PYLE STREET, NEWPORT

Decision maker: Cllr Ian Stephens, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance

Power(s) giving authority to make an executive decision: Section 9E (2) (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2000 and under all other enabling powers.

Decision:

To approve the acquisition of the Pyle Street site from Homes England based on the terms set out in this report at exempt Appendix 1, and to delegate approval of the final terms of the sale to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance.

Date of decision: 27 March 2024

Reason for decision: A key priority of the Council Corporate Plan (2021-2025) is to deliver more affordable homes on brownfield land to meet the increasing housing demands, particularly for affordable homes for Islanders. Page 31, Aspiration Number 31 links to Brownfield site opportunities such as Pyle Street.

The Corporate Plan at Page 7 states, "Having good premises and a strong local skills pool are also key factors in helping realise our regeneration ambitions. Our investments with partners in the provision of high- quality business accommodation, which reflects the new more flexible requirements of a post pandemic world, further supports the Island's 'offer.' The Pyle Street site offers the council the opportunity to deliver regeneration in line with Corporate Plan aims, in addition to its potential for affordable housing.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the councillor when making the decision: None

Representations considered by the Cabinet Member prior to making the decision: From Cllr J Jones-Evans – regarding availability of the units for student accommodation and hospital contract workers. This report seeks to purchase the site only and does not commit the Council to anything else, including future uses or obliging itself to spending the BLRF grant if awarded.

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet member consulted by the Leader of the Cabinet which relates to the decision: None

Dispensations granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflicts of interest: None

Background documents referred to: None

Signed:



Cllr Ian Stephens, Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance

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