

## Notice of key decision to be made under General Exception provisions

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

**Date of notice:** 29 June 2023

**To:** Councillor Phil Bateman  
Chair of Scrutiny Board

**From:** Peter Taylor  
Regeneration Manager

An intention to make the following key decision, which is to be considered by the Cabinet on 26 July 2023, was not publicised in advance as required by the Regulations.

**Report title:** Canalside South - Selection of Preferred Developer

**Classification:** PRIVATE – exempt from publication under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), Part 1, Paragraph 3

*The reason(s) for the omission from the forward plan of key decisions and the reason(s) why this decision cannot be delayed until the requisite 28 days have elapsed are:*

- The marketing of Canalside South has been ongoing since initial Cabinet approval to the strategy on 28 July 2021 which culminated in the selection of Legal & General Modular Homes (L&GMH) as preferred bidder earlier this year.
- Following the recent announcement of L&GMH halting production of new homes there are commercial and legal sensitivities which have required input from the Council's advisors to review the short-listed tender parties as part of the original process and recommend next steps in the process of selecting a development partner.
- In order to maintain momentum and adherence to the original programme of activities, to ensure market values and tender information remain current, and to protect the Council's position with regards to capital receipt and liabilities associated with holding the development sites an expedient decision is required by Cabinet.

*This notice must be provided to the Chair of the Scrutiny Board and to the appropriate democratic support officer at least five clear working days in advance of the relevant Executive meeting.*