

## 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:** 8 March 2023

**To:** Councillor Paul Sweet  
Chair of Scrutiny Board

**From:** Ian Fegan  
Director of Communications and Visitor Experience

An intention to make the following key decision, which is to be considered by the Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 22 March 2023, was not publicised in advance as required by the Regulations.

**Report title:** Bell Street Box Space - Acquisition of Neville Garrett Centre

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

A unique opportunity has arisen to acquire the Neville Garratt Centre off market from NHS Property Services, where the vendor wishes to sell on/before 31 March 2023. Heads of terms for the sale/purchase were agreed (subject to Council approval) on 23 February 23. Guidance on whether the appropriate approval route was Individual Executive Decision Notice or Cabinet (Resources) Panel was not secured until 6 March 2023.

The acquisition is considered necessary to enable the Council to meet its obligations to DLUHC and to achieve the outputs/outcomes/benefits from allocated capital expenditure to the Box Space project which forms part of the Future High Street Fund programme. There are significant additional benefits that flow from the acquisition detailed in the CRP report.

The report contains sensitive commercial information (acquisition price), therefore a public version of the report will be created as well as an exempt version.

*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.*