



## Leader Decisions Taken

Information on decisions taken by the Leader since the last full Council agenda. For an up-to-date list of decisions taken and forthcoming decisions, please refer to the Council's website – <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/>

12 Feb 2024

### **FR01.24 - Property Acquisition - Plot 1A, Gateway, Aylesbury**

#### **The Leader AGREED:**

Pursuant to the July 2023 report to Cabinet

***To acquire reduced demise ("Plot 1A") compared to original site demise ("Plot 1") identified in the July 2023 Cabinet paper on the revised terms set out in the Confidential Annex.***

Plot 1A excludes the hatched area of Plot 1 as the buyer of the Lloyds building (Plot 2) now requires this additional land to be included as part of its acquisition. Plot 1A also includes an additional small parcel of land to the north of Plot 1 close to the main vehicular access point. The adjustment from the original Cabinet approved land acquisition results in the loss of 21 car parking spaces. Land now being acquired excluding the access road is circa 1.07 acres providing 156 additional usable car parking spaces.

Extent of Plot 1A is shown in Site Plans contained in Appendix 1.

**To authorise the Service Director for Property and Assets in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Accessible Housing and Resources and the S.151 Officer to conclude negotiations, complete due diligence, arrange finance and exchange/complete on the transaction as set out in this paper and the Confidential Annex.**

**To authorise removal of the 3 charges against the title of The Gateway Car Park the Council has in respect of the security loans given to Aylesbury Vale Estates.**

There are 3 loan agreements between Buckinghamshire Council (previously legacy Aylesbury Vale District Council) and Aylesbury Vale Estates LLP. This has resulted in the Property being subject to 3 charges. These charges need to be released for the Council to purchase the Property.

There are three charges and restrictions on the First Title in favour of Buckinghamshire Council in respect of three loan agreements made between (1) Aylesbury Vale District Council and (2) Aylesbury Vale Estates LLP known as:

- (a) Security Agreement dated 12 October 2009.
- (b) Security Agreement Short-Term Debt Loan Notes dated 12 October 2009; and
- (c) Supplemental Security Agreement dated 31 August 2012.

These debts have been secured as fixed and floating charges against Aylesbury Vale Estate LLP on Companies House and against the First Title of the Property.

The Seller has confirmed these 3 charges are to be removed from the First Title on completion of the sale. The Council needs to authorise removal of these 3 charges before completion of the sale.

This decision is being taken under the 'special urgency' provisions of the constitution due to the timescales involved for exchange and completion.

19 Feb 2024

#### **FR02.24 - Capital Gateway – Green Ridge Primary Academy Expansion**

**The Leader:**

**APPROVED the release of £5,094,385 from the Primary Places funding block within the Capital Programme to fund the one form entry expansion of Green Ridge Primary Academy**

This decision is being taken under the 'special urgency' provisions of the constitution in order to achieve a September 2024 completion/opening for the Schools of the additional classrooms; and, to thereby save costs of temporary classrooms. The timelines to achieve this require the Council to enter into contract with the main contractor (Morgan Sindall) by 20 February 2024

20 Feb 2024

#### **L02.24 - Rural England Prosperity Fund Procurement Updates**

**The Leader:**

**AGREED** the amendment to procurement thresholds for businesses applying for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund or a Rural Business grant to align both programmes to Council thresholds.

28 Feb 2024

#### **HR02.24 - Supported Living Services Commissioning**

**The Leader AGREED:**

- 1. To commission new Accommodation-Based Homelessness Support Service contracts.**
- 2. To decommission the Community Homelessness Support Service contract. This will enable the available funding to be directed into the accommodation-based services to create sustainable contract values.**
- 3. To delegate the decision to award contracts to the Corporate Director and/or Service Director for Planning, Growth & Sustainability in line with the approved scheme of delegation**

5 Mar 2024

#### **EC01.24 - Determined Admission Arrangements 2025**

**The Leader AGREED** the determined admission arrangements for admission in September 2024.

**These arrangements shall include:**

- 1. The coordinated scheme for primary and secondary admissions in Buckinghamshire, for admission from September 2025, as set out in Appendix 1.**
- 2. The 2025 determined admission rules for community and voluntary-controlled primary schools as set out in Appendix 2. This includes the admission rules for schools, nursery classes and nursery schools and the Published Admission Number and catchment area for each school.**
- 3. The 2025 determined admission rules for community and voluntary-controlled secondary schools as set out in Appendix 3. This includes the proposed Admission Number and catchment area for each school and sixth form admission arrangements.**
- 4. The proposed relevant area for school admission arrangements from September 2026, as set out in Appendix 4.**

21 Mar 2024

**PR01.24 - Improvement works Market Square, Cambridge Street, Kingsbury Aylesbury**

**The Leader AGREED:**

**To approve the release of £590,000 for Aylesbury Regeneration Improvement Works to Market Square, Kingsbury (TRO) and Cambridge Street, to come from the remaining Capital Budget of £5.1m;**

**To delegate authority to the Service Director for EG&R to commission the works via the Highways framework contract.**

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