

## CABINET

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### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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#### Summary

This report summarises the content of an exempt appendix which, in the opinion of the proper officer, will contain exempt information within one of the categories in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is a matter for the Cabinet to determine whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this document.

#### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 The Cabinet is required to decide whether to exclude the press and public during consideration of the following document because consideration of this matter in public would disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information contained in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as specified below, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

<b>Report Title</b>	Commercial Property
<b>Agenda Item</b>	5
<b>Summary</b>	This exempt report will set out details of a proposal for acquiring commercial property.
<b>Category of exempt information (Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)</b>	Not for publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – Information relating to financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

- 1.2 Members are advised that the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 requires 28 clear days' notice of a Cabinet meeting to be held in private.
- 1.3 On this occasion it has not been practicable to provide 28 clear days' notice, therefore, Rule 13 (Procedure Prior to a Private Meeting of the Cabinet) of the Access to Information Rules, as set out in the Council's Constitution, has been complied with. As the position of Chairman of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee is currently vacant, the Mayor has agreed that consideration of this report is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred until the next Cabinet meeting on 5 March 2019 to enable confidential negotiations to take place with appropriate authority at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.4 A notice of intention to conduct business in private was originally issued on 5 February 2019. No representations have been received.
- 1.5 This report confirms the previous notice of intention to conduct this business in private.

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**Appendices**

None

**Background Papers**

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