

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 20 NEWMARKET ROAD
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Decision of: Councillor Owers Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

Reference: 16/URGENCY/S&R/03

Date of decision: 15/4/16 **Recorded on:** 26/4/16

Decision Type: Key Decision

Matter for Decision: Approval of funding for improvements to 20 Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): 20 Newmarket Road has recently been vacated and requires improvement to bring up to current lettable standards. Approval to capital expenditure is required outside of the Budget Setting and Mid Year Financial Review process due to the recent vacation and desire not to leave the property vacant for longer than necessary.
As specified under Part 4C 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 of the Councils Constitution, It was not deemed practical to convene a quorate meeting of Council to take these decisions.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s): Noted the Project Control Document for 20 Newmarket Road and approved that £125,000 of capital funding be made available for this project in 2016/17.

Reasons for the decision: As stated in Part 4C section 6.1 of the Councils Constitution, individual members of the Executive 'may take a decision which is contrary or not wholly in accordance with the budget approved by the full Council if the decision is a matter of urgency'.
The next available Full Council meeting is the 26 May 2016 therefore due to the time critical need to undertake works and desire not to leave the property vacant for longer than necessary it was deemed not practical to convene a quorate meeting of Council to take these decisions.

Scrutiny consideration: The Chair and Spokesperson of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

The Chair of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee agreed the decision was a matter of urgency as required under paragraph 6, Part 4C Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

Report: A report detailing the background and financial considerations is not attached as this is confidential by virtue of Schedule 12A Part 3. (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Conflicts of interest: No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.

This urgent decision will be reported to the next Full Council meeting on the 26 May 2016.

Comments: None