

**CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**  
Record of Executive Decision

**DECISION TITLE- APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR PURCHASE OF LAND**

**Decision of:** **Cllr Richard Robertson**, Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

**Reference:** 19/URGENCY/SR/13

**Date of decision:** 20.12.19  
**Recorded on:** 20.12.19

**Decision Type:** Key Decision

**Matter for Decision:** Urgent approval for budget approval for the purchase of land.

**Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):** The land was only available at a proposed price for exchange before Christmas 2019, and therefore cannot wait for next scheduled Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Council Meeting in February 2020.

**The Executive Councillor's decision(s):** To approve the budget for the purchase of land.

**Reasons for the decision:** As detailed in the Officers report which is considered exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

**Report:**

The report relates to an item which contains information exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Conflicts of interest:**

None

**Comments:**

Part 4C section 6.1 of the Councils Constitution, permits decisions to be taken which are outside of the budget framework if the decision is:

a matter of urgency (this is correct)

it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Council, (this is correct); and

the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee agrees the matter is of urgency (the Chair agreed).

The next available ordinary Full Council meeting is 13 February 2020 which is too late.

The decision will be reported back to the Strategy and Resources Committee at their next meeting in February 2020