

Title of meeting: Leader Decision

Date of meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2021

Subject: Acquisition of Land at Mile End, Kettering Terrace, Portsmouth

Report by: Tom Southall - Assistant Director Property & Investment

Wards affected: Nelson

Key decision: Yes

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation to complete a land acquisition supporting the new requirements for construction of a Border Control Post at Portsmouth International Port.

2. Recommendations

The Leader approves and authorises that;

- 2.1 The Freehold acquisition of the land identified in Appendix A by Portsmouth City Council.
- 2.2 The City Solicitor be authorised to complete the necessary documentation to complete 2.1 above.

3. Background

- 3.1 Port Director, Mike Sellers, provided an information paper "Portsmouth International Port – preparations for the new Border Operating Model post EU Transition" on 3rd November 2020 outlining Portsmouth International Port's (PIP) preparations for Brexit.
- 3.2 This land acquisition supports the preparations PIP are required to make to continue to operate post-Brexit, and is required in order to complete the construction of a Border Control Post (BCP). The BCP is a new inspection facility required by UK government to allow goods to be inspected and trade to continue to flow through PIP.



- 3.3 Portsmouth City Council have made a bid to the Government's Port Infrastructure Fund (PIF), to enable construction of the necessary new buildings within the Port Estate and the allocated funding enables this acquisition.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that this land acquisition will be fully funded (including costs and fees) from the PIF.
- 3.5 Appendix A details the proposed acquisition land and the relevant financial information.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 Acquisition is required to enable construction of the Government's Border Control Post.

5. Integrated impact assessment

- 5.1 The contents of this report do not have any relevant equalities and environmental impact and therefore an Integrated Impact assessment is not required.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 Under Section 120 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 local authorities can acquire land for the benefit, improvement or development of their area. The land does not need to be immediately required for that purpose.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1 Without the land purchase, the Port will be unable to provide a BCP. This would mean the Port could not accept a large range of RoRo freight. This would have a major financial impact on the Port, with likely lost income of c£2m per annum.
- 7.2 The land purchase will be funded from the PIF.

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Appendices:

Exempt Appendix A

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

| Title of document | Location |
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| Portsmouth International Port – preparations for the new Border Operating Model post EU Transition | Information Paper to Cabinet Meeting on 3/11/20 |
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The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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