

## SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report of:** The Executive Manager - Governance

**To:** Performance Monitoring Panel Tuesday, 9 February 2021

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**Subject** Portfolio Holder Decision - Property acquisition to support the Next Steps Accommodation Programme

**Purpose:** To allow for pre-decision scrutiny of the Portfolio Holder Decision relating to property acquisition to support the Next Steps Accommodation Programme

### **Recommendation:**

That the Panel considers the content of this report and the attached proposed Portfolio Holder Decision, and provides feedback, as detailed within Section 1 of this report

## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 In accordance with Paragraph 15, Part 4D (Access to Information Procedure Rules) of the Constitution, where any Executive Decision (whether Key Decision or Non-Key Decision) is subject to external (e.g. Government) deadlines such that it is not possible for the decision to be subject to the usual call-in procedure, the proposed decision may instead be subject to a pre-decision scrutiny by the Performance Monitoring Panel, subject to:

- the Leader, Deputy Leader, relevant Portfolio Holder or (where the decision will be taken by an officer) the relevant officer being in attendance at the meeting of the Panel to answer relevant questions;
- the Performance Monitoring Panel being required to set out in writing any concerns about the proposed decision;
- the decision-maker then making the final decision, taking into account any concerns raised by the Panel, and the final decision notice explaining the decision in relation to the concerns raised by the panel;
- the decision taking effect immediately the decision is made

When this Rule applies such scrutiny could, if need be, take place on the same day as (but before) the Executive Decision is made.

1.2 The report for consideration by the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Planning is attached to this report at Appendix A (with exempt appendices at Appendix B and Appendix C).

1.3 Given the external timeframes that must be adhered to (acquisition properties must be SHDC's ownership by 31 March), the call-in process would put the grant funding associated with this decision at risk. The process for pre-decision scrutiny, as detailed at section 1.1, is therefore necessary.



**Key Decision:** N

**Exempt Decision:** N

**Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix A Portfolio Holder report – Property acquisition to support the Next Steps Accommodation Programme (covering report)

**Exempt appendix attached to this report (Please note that the following appendices are not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))):**

Appendix B Confidential Appendix – Financial Evaluation

Appendix C Confidential Appendix - Property details including layout, location plan and photographs