

**SPECIAL URGENCY NOTICE**

**(The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)  
(Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000) (Regulation 16)**

THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL SEEKS THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATE REVIEW COMMITTEE (OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACT, THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL) FOR A KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN AND TO BE EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN.

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**SUBJECT:** Sale of the former Meadows School site, Biddulph.

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**BACKGROUND:** In August cabinet decided to sell this surplus site following a best and final offer process. There have been delays in getting to exchange of contracts and so the council is currently under no legal obligation to continue with that sale.

One of the previous bidders has increased their offer which the Council should consider for both statutory and financial reasons.

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**REASONS WHY THE MAKING OF THE DECISION IS URGENT AND CANNOT REASONABLY AWAIT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CABINET:**


The next available cabinet meeting to consider this item would be 18<sup>th</sup> December. A decision on this date would not allow for a contract to be entered into prior the end of the calendar year which could affect the council achieving the maximum value for the site.

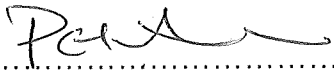
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**REASONS WHY THE MAKING OF THE DECISION SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN**

The principle of the decision has already been subject to a recent cabinet decision. The process proposed is to achieve completion of the sale at the maximum value to the council without further contractual delays prior to the calendar year end.

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Signed:  Director of Corporate Services

Signed:  Leader of the Council

Signed:  Chairman of the Corporate Review Committee

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