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Dear Councillor

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE – (GE01 17) AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CAPEL-LE-FERNE

Please find attached a General Exception notice in respect of a decision to be taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 3 July 2017 relating to the potential opportunity to acquire the 9 properties to be provided as part of the development of land off New Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne for affordable homes.

This is a Key Decision which was not included in the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions. However, the decision may still be taken provided 5 clear days have elapsed between publishing a General Exception notice and informing the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee, and the decision being taken.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Kate Batty-Smith on 01304 872303 or by e-mail at kate.batty-smith@dover.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Batty-Smith". Below the signature is a short horizontal line.

Democratic Support Officer

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DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT SECTION ONLY	
Decision No:	<u>GE01</u>
Publication Date:	<u>14 June 2017</u>

General Exception

Pursuant to the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice of Key Decision

A: Decision to be taken and by whom

Decision to be taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 3 July 2017.

This is a Key Decision which has not been included within the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions, but which must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to defer the decision until 28 days after the next Notice is published.

B: Reasons why this Key Decision was not included in the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions and why it would not be practicable to defer the decision

The potential opportunity to acquire the 9 properties to be provided as part of the development of land off New Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne has only recently been identified following a meeting with the developer. The meeting established that the developer has been unable to find a housing association partner willing to develop the affordable homes and consequently, acquisition by the Council provides the best opportunity to secure their provision as part of the development.

The developer has already commenced work on the site and there is a need to try and progress negotiations regarding the price the Council will pay for the homes and the structure of the development agreement as quickly as possible so that planning related timescales can be achieved.

C: List of documents submitted to the decision-maker

Cabinet Report

D: Part of the Constitution authorising the decision

Rule 15 (General Exception Procedure) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure).

- Notice must be given in the first instance to the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee
- The General Exception procedure allows a Key Decision which has been omitted from the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions to be taken, provided 5 clear days has elapsed between informing the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and making a copy of this notice available to the public (on the website and displayed in the Council Chamber lobby), and the decision being taken.

- Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the decision may be requested from the address given below. In addition, the public may submit other documents relevant to the decision to the same address.

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