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Dear Councillor

NOTICE OF DECISION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS – (DPH10) PURCHASE OF LAND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CEMETERY CAPACITY

Please find attached details of a decision taken by Councillor Oliver Richardson, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Commercial Services, to enter into an option agreement to acquire land that will potentially provide additional cemetery capacity for the District.

The Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in for the reasons set out in paragraph 1.2 of the Decision Notice.

The accompanying report is exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Yours sincerely

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

Democratic Services Officer

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1 **NOTICE OF DECISION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS - (DPH10) PURCHASE OF LAND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CEMETERY CAPACITY** (Pages 2-6)

Decision Notice

Decision Taken Between Meetings

Decision No:	DPH10
Subject:	PURCHASE OF LAND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CEMETERY CAPACITY
Notification Date:	3 July 2020
Implementation Date:	6 July 2020
Decision taken by:	Councillor Oliver Richardson, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Commercial Services
Delegated Authority:	Paragraph 12 (General Responsibilities Delegated to all Members of the Executive) of Section 3C of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Constitution
Decision Type:	Executive Key Decision
Call-In to Apply?	No (<i>The Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in for the reasons set out in paragraph 1.2</i>)
Classification:	Unrestricted – but the attached report is Restricted and NOT FOR PUBLICATION by reason that it contains information which is exempt by virtue of the provisions of Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
Reason for the Decision:	To address a shortage in cemetery capacity in Dover, it is proposed that the Council enters into an Option Agreement to acquire an interest in land which has the potential to deliver additional cemetery capacity for the District.
Decision:	That the Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Commercial Services and the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance, be authorised to enter into an Option Agreement to acquire land to potentially enable the delivery of additional cemetery capacity for the District.

1. **Consideration and Alternatives (*if applicable*)**
 - 1.1 See attached (exempt) report.
 - 1.2 The Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in as the decision cannot wait until the next meeting of Cabinet in September (and it is too late to consider the matter at the 6 July Cabinet meeting). The decision will enable commercial negotiations to proceed rapidly on securing options on a piece of land, and will prevent delays on the potential project that will follow.
2. **Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?**
 - 2.1 None.

3. **Supporting Information** *(as applicable)*
- 3.1 See attached (exempt) report.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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