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Dear Councillor

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD A CABINET MEETING (OR PARTS OF IT) IN PRIVATE

Please find attached notification that part of the Cabinet meeting to be held on 5 December 2022 will be held in private in order to consider a report concerning the purchase of new affordable housing at a site at Castle Avenue, Dover. This report was not included in the Exempt Notice published on 1 November due to an oversight and the notice sets out the reasons why the decision cannot be deferred until January.

Under Section 5 (6) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 it is permissible to hold parts of a Cabinet meeting in private, notwithstanding that 28 days' notice has not been given, provided the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the decision to be taken is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. Councillor Charlotte Zosseder, Chairman of the Committee, has given her consent.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Breezy - Smith".

Democratic Services Officer

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1 **NOTICE OF EXEMPT CABINET MEETING THAT CANNOT BE DEFERRED**
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DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT SECTION ONLY	
Notice No:	_____
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The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice of Intention to Hold a Cabinet Meeting (or parts of it) in Private

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 came into force on 10 September 2012. These prescribe that 28 clear days' notice must be given by a decision-making body where it intends to hold the whole or part of a meeting in private because confidential or exempt information would otherwise be disclosed.

Under Section 5 (6) of the above-mentioned Regulations, it is permissible to hold a meeting (or parts of it) in private, notwithstanding that 28 days' notice has not been given, provided the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. The local authority is thereafter obliged to publish a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

A. Date of Cabinet meeting and agenda items:

Cabinet meeting – 5 December 2022

The press and public will be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following exempt agenda item:

Purchase of New Affordable Housing at a Site at Castle Avenue, Dover

(Exempt under paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)

B: Reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred:


Notice of this decision was not included in the Exempt Notice published on 1 November as required due to an oversight by the Strategic Housing team.

An urgent decision is required in order to reach an agreement with the developer and secure this housing which will be a significant addition to the Council's housing stock.

C: Agreement to meeting (or parts of it) being held in private:

I agree that part of the Cabinet meeting to be held on 5 December 2022 should be held in private in order to consider the restricted report relating to the purchase of affordable housing at a site at Castle Avenue, Dover.

Signed:



(Councillor Charlotte Zosseder - Chair of Overview and Scrutiny
Committee)

Date: 10 November 2022