

CABINET

19 June 2018

Title: Urgent Action: Barking Abbey School Longbridge Road Site Sub-Station Lease	
Report of the Cabinet Member for Educational Attainment and School Improvement	
Open Report	For Information
Wards Affected: Longbridge	Key Decision: No
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Summary: <p>As part of the expansion of Barking Abbey School Longbridge Road site, a new electricity sub-station was required to provide power for the expanded school site. UK Power Networks required a lease to be in place before the new mains connection from Longbridge Road into the new sub-station could be made.</p> <p>It was originally envisaged that a 20-year lease would be sufficient, which could have been approved by officers under delegated authority. However, UK Power Networks required a 99-year lease, which it regards as standard for this type of undertaking. A lease of that length requires Cabinet approval in accordance with the Council's Land Acquisition and Disposal Rules (Part 4, Chapter 4, paragraph 2.2 of the Constitution).</p> <p>The programmed 'power on' date for the new mains connection had passed and it was apparent that any further delay could impact on the ability for the new buildings to be fully commissioned and ready to open to pupils for September 2018. In the circumstances, the Chief Executive agreed that it would be appropriate to deal with the matter under the Urgent Action provisions of Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution so that the lease between the Council and UK Power Networks could be signed and the power supply connected. The report and supporting site plan which formed the basis of the Chief Executive's decisions are set out at Annex 1 to this report.</p> <p>In line with the Urgent Action provisions, the Chair of the Cabinet and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the Chief Executive taking the action on 29 May 2018.</p>	
Recommendation(s) <p>The Cabinet is asked to note the action taken by the Chief Executive, in accordance with the Urgent Action procedures set out in Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution, in relation to the entering into of a 99-year lease with UK Power Networks in respect of a new electricity sub-station at Barking Abbey School Longbridge Road site.</p>	

Reasons

To accord with the requirements of the urgency procedures contained within the Council Constitution.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices:

- **Annex 1** - Report and appendix re “Barking Abbey School Longbridge Road Site Sub-Station Lease”