

Councillor D Rodwell, Chair of Cabinet  
Councillor G Paddle, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Barking Town Hall  
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30 November 2023

Dear Councillors

## **Urgent Action under Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution – Potential Acquisition of the former Chaseview Care Home, Dagenham Road, Rush Green**

I am writing to you in your respective capacities to advise that I have taken urgent action under the provisions of Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution in order to approve the submission of a bid for the Council to potentially acquire the former Chaseview Care Home.

As the attached report explains, Chaseview is being marketed by agents on behalf of the owners HC One, who are looking to secure a freehold disposal before the end of December 2023. The timetable set for the freehold disposal required a first round of bids by midday on 30 November. Best and final offers are then anticipated in early December, with a contract being issued in the same month. Given the time needed for legal due diligence, the expectation is that the acquisition would complete in early January.

There are a range of potential uses that justify an intervention by the Council, which are detailed in the attached report and appendices – these documents are exempt from publication as they contain commercially confidential information (relevant legislation: paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972). In view of the timetable set by the owners and as the next meeting of the Cabinet is not until 19 December, I have agreed that it is in the Council's best interests to deal with the matter under the Urgent Action provisions. In line with procedures, details of this urgent action will be reported to the next meeting of the Cabinet on 19 December 2023.

Yours sincerely,



**Fiona Taylor**  
Chief Executive

cc: Cllr D Twomey, Cllr C Geddes, Jo Moore, Nish Popat, James Coulstock. Deirdre Collins,