

**At an Extraordinary meeting of the CABINET held in the CIVIC CENTRE (COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 1) on Thursday 26 February 2015 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor H. Trueman in the Chair

Councillors Gofton, Kelly, G. Miller, Mordey, P. Smith and Speding

**Part I**

**Receipt of Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor P. Watson.

**Disposal of land at Philadelphia, Houghton le Spring, Sunderland**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to seek approval for the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in land at Philadelphia, Houghton le Spring, Sunderland.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Speding drew attention to the plan attached to the report and reported that the Council owned the freehold of Land outlined. He advised that the land was included in the Esh Development proposals for a £100 million redevelopment around the Philadelphia Complex.

Cabinet Members were advised that the proposal outlined the construction of up to 500 new houses and 24,000 sq ft of retail space in addition to refurbishing listed buildings on the site to be used as an employment zone. Esh had approached the Council to acquire its land for residential development and which would be included in the overall scheme.

Councillor Speding reported that Esh had made an offer which represented best consideration.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that approval be given to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in approximately 6.03 acres of land at Philadelphia, Houghton le Spring, Sunderland to Esh Developments (Esh) at a price which is the best consideration reasonably obtainable and on terms to be agreed by the Deputy Chief Executive, the Leader and Cabinet Secretary.

(Signed) H. TRUEMAN,  
Chairman