

- **Part 1 - Reason why decision is being called in:**

The Key Decision 4820 authorised Council to pay National Grid £5m plus professional fees (capped at £37,500) to extinguish the overage deed at the Willoughby Lane site at Meridian Water (Phase 1).

Full Council authorised the necessary borrowing at the last Council Meeting on 30 January 2019.

The report (KD4820) to extinguish the overage is not satisfactory in terms of the information provided to justify this decision, namely:

A) No reference to the original report authorizing the purchase of the three sites for the National Grid. i.e the date of purchase, the cost breakdown of the three sites, assumptions regarding the estimated cost of remediation, and details of the proposed overage agreement etc

The Cabinet of 9th April 2014 delegated authority (KD: 3827) to complete the purchase of the land.

Key Decision 3931, approved by Cabinet on 11th March 2015, gave authority to an unconditional exchange of contracts.

Date of purchase was 2nd April 2015, cost of purchasing Willoughby Lane was £16.8M (details included in section 3.9 of Part 2 report). Remediation was assumed to be £14M (as detailed in the summary paper provided, this was the baseline remediation cost which can be deducted from any overage calculation).

Details of overage agreement have been provided in the attachment to the DAR.

This authorisation is for Willoughby Lane only, the Teardrop and Leaside Road sites are not affected.

B) No reference to the decision in April 2017 authorising the site be purchased from the National Grid and why this option was not pursued.

This agenda item related to the purchase of the Stonehill and Hastingwood sites from the HSBC pension fund. A decision was deferred to allow further information to be provided. These parcels of land have subsequently been purchased. This does not have any relevance to the National Grid overage on the Willoughby Lane site

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