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## CABINET

13/09/2021 at 4.00 pm



**Oldham**  
Council

**Present:** Councillor Shah (Chair)  
Councillors Akhtar, Chadderton, Jabbar, Moores, Mushtaq,  
Roberts, and Stretton

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chauhan.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Moores declared a personal interest in Items 5 and 7 by virtue of his Council appointment as a trustee of the Kramer Trust.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **BLOOM STREET LAND AGREEMENT OLDHAM TOWN CENTRE, COLDHURST**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive, People and Place which sought approval to formally enact and proceed with the land agreement to support the delivery of the new secondary free school following recent planning approval.

The Council had resolved to acquire the interests held by Brook house Group to facilitate the construction of a Free School. The final terms were approved in November 2020 which set out the terms of the proposed lease agreement between the Council, Department for Education and Cranmer Education Trust in respect of land at Bloom Street to enable the development of a new secondary school.

Planning approval had been obtained and the report ought to formally enact the option on the land agreements.

Options/alternatives considered

Option 1 -To enact the agreement with the Department for Education and the Cranmer Education Trust to facilitate the delivery of a new secondary free school at this location in line with the option agreement previously entered into in September 2020.

Option 2 -There was no other option available at this stage given the progress and approvals to date. The Council could decide not to proceed, but this would put the new school programme at risk and the borough would suffer from the lack of education placements and a new quality education provision.

**RESOLVED** – That the Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 7 before making a decision.

6 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

7 **BLOOM STREET LAND AGREEMENT OLDHAM TOWN CENTRE, COLDHURST**

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 5 -Bloom Street Land Agreement Oldham Town Centre, Coldhurst.

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations as detailed in the commercially sensitive report be approved.

The meeting started at 4.00pm and finished at 4.11pm