# **Delegated Decision Front Sheet**

## Officer Decision

OFFICER: Andrew Carr	SERVICE AREA FUNCTION: Development		DATE: 9th February 2018
DECISION NO:	DELEGATION POWER  Power to approve expenditure under £150k that does not affect more than one Ward and is not controversial.		CHECKS & BALANCES: Legal Services – advised on structure of the exclusivity to protect Council interests.  Compliant with the scheme of delegation.
DETAILS OF DECISION:  Extension to an exclusivity agreement for land at Gresham for the development of a Student Village.		IS IT A KEY DECISION? N	Sompliant wat the scheme of scregation.

#### REASONS FOR DECISION:

The extension to the exclusivity agreement allows the prospective developer to commit further time and resources required to explore the opportunities for the development of a Student Village. The agreement does not constitute a sale or lease. The agreement provides the developer with the comfort that the Council cannot explore alternative disposal options, with third parties, and will be extended for a further month.

### **BACKGROUND**

In November 2017, a Delegated Decision was approved which granted a three month period of exclusivity for Meldrum Construction Ltd, with a view to securing a freehold or long leasehold interest (the Council's preference) on the land on commercial terms.

The exclusivity period would allow Meldrum to commit the significant time and resources required for:

- designs to be developed, costed and refined;
- Heads of Terms to be agreed with Teesside University for the lease; and,
- funding opportunities to be explored with the Tees Valley Combined Authority and other sources.

The November 17 Delegated Decision included the option of a one month extension. Meldrum have made significant progress during the three month period and have requested that the one month option be enacted to enable them to bring matters to a conclusion.

### Headline Milestones:

- 1. Exclusivity Period to Meldrum Construction Ltd is to be extended by one month to the end of March 2018.
- 2. Any agreed terms would be subsequently reported to Executive for formal approval to dispose of the land (whether by lease or sale) in accordance with the Asset Disposal Process.

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