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## Record of Executive Decision made by an Officer

Date of decision	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2013
Issue	Proposal for Disposal of Land on the West Side of Grimshaw Street, Accrington.  Cabinet report of 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 attached.
Summary	<p>1. At its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Cabinet noted that the Leader of the Council would be asked to grant delegated authority to the Head of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) to agree the detailed terms of the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in that part of the Grimshaw Street site (shown edged red on the plan at Appendix 2 to the report) to RJM at open market value, subject to RJM unconditionally waiving any and all claims it might have in respect of the Steiner Street site whether pursuant to the Cabinet decision of 12<sup>th</sup> June or 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 or otherwise.</p> <p>2. At its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Cabinet noted that the Leader of the Council would be asked to grant delegated authority to the Head of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) to agree the detailed terms of the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in that part of the Grimshaw Street site (shown edged red on the plan at Appendix 3 to the report) to RJM at open market value, subject to (i) the previous owner of the site formally waiving any rights he might have to repurchase the site under the Critchel Down</p>

	<p>rules and (ii) RJM unconditionally waiving any and all claims it might have in respect of the Steiner Street site whether pursuant to the Cabinet decisions of 12<sup>th</sup> June or 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 or otherwise.</p>
Decision-taker	<p>Mr. Mark Hoyle, Head of Regeneration and Housing.</p>
Decision	<p>1. The Head of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) was delegated authority as outlined above.</p> <p>2. The Head of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) was delegated authority as outlined above.</p>
Reasons for decision	<p>On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Cabinet had made a number of decisions in relation to the regeneration of West Accrington, including a resolution to select the Steiner Street Site as the preferred option of the development of a new Mosque and Community Centre. Since then the Council and the Raza Jamia Masjid and Islamic Centre (RJM) had explored a number of ways of bringing the Steiner Street site forward for development in accordance with the terms of that Cabinet decision. That had not proved possible and given the lack of progress, the Council and RJM had agreed to look for alternative sites in the area. The Grimshaw Street site had been identified as suitable for the development of improved Mosque and Community facilities and RJM had confirmed in writing to the Council that it would be willing to acquire the Council's freehold interest in that site as an alternative to the Steiner Street site.</p>
Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection	<p>The Council does not currently have an alternative option for the provision of improved Mosque and Community facilities in the area, given the failure to progress the proposals for Steiner Street. The current proposal had been accepted as a suitable</p>

	alternative by RJM which had indication that it was prepared to relinquish any claims it might have in respect of the Steiner Street site if the Council agreed to RJM's acquisition of the Grimshaw Street site on the terms set out in the report.
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