

# Taunton Deane Borough Council

**Executive - 1 April 2009**

**Report of Strategic Director Joy Wishlade**

## **Conversion of Taunton Market Site to a Surface Car Park**

(This is the responsibility of Executive Councillors Coles and Horsley)

### **1. Introduction**

The Taunton market site is now vacant; it is proposed to convert the site temporarily to a surface pay and display car park. These works will be funded from the monies generated by the sale of equipment when the Taunton Market Auctioneers vacated the site some months ago, and which produced a net income of £22,800 and which is, as yet, uncommitted.

This conversion would be a temporary move until the site is ready for complete redevelopment in line with the original plans within Project Taunton.

The Executive are also requested to formally reclassify this asset as a car park with effect from 1 April 2009, this is required for the purposes of treatment within the Council's accounts.

### **2. Site expenditure**

The £22,800 funding available will be used to level the surface where necessary, to mark out parking bays and to provide a suitable number of pay and display ticket machines. Some funding will also be required to ensure the whole site is as secure as possible pending the start of the development works.

These works are capital in nature and as such this request constitutes a supplementary estimate to the capital programme, therefore approval from Full Council is required.

### **3. Recommendations**

The Executive are asked to recommend to Full Council:

- The approval of a supplementary estimate to the capital programme of £22,800 for the conversion of the site to a surface car park (funded from within existing resources),

- The portfolio holder be given authority to oversee the full spending plan in conjunction with the Parking Manager and Strategic Director,
- To formally reclassify the land as a car park with effect from 1 April 2009.

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