


## Decision Record

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<b>Decision Maker</b>	Councillor Mark Crane - Leader
<b>Date of Decision</b>	21 June 2018
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Tadcaster

### Decision Status (tick as appropriate)

- Key Decision**
- None key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive Function**
- Specific delegation from Council or Committee**
- Grant of Permission/licence**
- Affecting the rights of an individual**
- Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council**

**Subject to Call in – no**

### Decision

To proceed with the purchase of the former Nat West Bank Bridge Street Tadcaster at a price of £225,000.

### Reason for Decision

On December 12th 2017 Council resolved to allocate £1m from the Special Projects Reserve using funding identified for the Programme for Growth to support the potential purchase of two commercial properties. Council noted that approval of spend would be authorised by the Executive subject to the development of a business case.

The property is in a strategic position and would contribute to the regeneration and economic development of the Town.

An outline business case indicated an offer of £225,000 was viable. That offer has been accepted.

The due diligence process has now been completed for the property and the title is good and marketable.

The vendor is pressing for exchange of contracts and it is therefore appropriate to authorise the purchase under the Leader's power for allocation of funds with Programme for Growth to enable the purchase to proceed.

Options for refurbishment to bring the building back into use and generate a return on investment are being considered and a detailed business case will be presented to the Executive in due course.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected**

Not to proceed – rejected as it would not meet the Council's objectives

**Background papers**

Minutes of Council 12 December 2017

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