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Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 15 July 2021 – First Revenue Budget Review 2021/2022 – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

Full description of decision:

To note the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

Reasons for decision:

To comply with statutory requirements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 15 July 2021 – Capital Programme First Review 2021/2022 (including Treasury Management) – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

Full description of decision:

To note the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

Reasons for decision:

To comply with statutory requirements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Update to Constitution: Procurement Procedure Rules and Review of Financial Thresholds – Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Full description of decision:

To:-

- recommend Council to approve the proposed revised Procurement Procedure Rules (as contained in Appendix A to the report) and the increases to financial thresholds set out in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.7 of the report, and
- authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly, including the making of any consequential amendments, stylistic or typographical changes, to ensure consistency throughout the Constitution.

Reasons for decision:

The changes proposed to the Procurement Procedure Rules are considered appropriate to ensure the Council's internal procurement procedure rules remain fully up to date and are more responsive, in order to maximise the local economic impact, whilst securing the desired outcomes and value for money.

The changes proposed to financial thresholds are considered to reflect an appropriate balance between officers implementing the strategies, policies and plans of the Council at pace, with the need to seek approvals from Cabinet in respect of higher value proposals.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

One alternative is not to update the PPRs or financial thresholds, but this is not recommended as it will not achieve the objectives as set out in the report.

Another alternative is to implement some but not all the changes proposed. However, a piecemeal approach is not recommended as this will not deliver the same objectives.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

New Wear Footbridge Compulsory Purchase Order – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To:

- i. Approve the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (“NWF CPO”) pursuant to Sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 to be known as The Sunderland City Council (New Wear Footbridge) Compulsory Purchase Order 2021 for the areas of land described in Appendix 1 to this report;
- ii. Authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to make amendments, modifications or deletions to the schedule of interests and Statement of Reasons should this be necessary and to finalise and make the NWF CPO;
- iii. Authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to take all necessary action to achieve confirmation of the NWF CPO; and
- iv. Subject to confirmation of the NWF CPO, authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to take all necessary action to implement the NWF CPO and to acquire title and/or possession of the NWF CPO land.

Reasons for decision:

To give absolute certainty that the Council can obtain all of the land interests (with the exception of the riverbed which is in the ownership of The Crown Estate) that is needed for the NWF. This certainty can only be guaranteed by successfully completing the compulsory purchase process. It is considered that there is a compelling case in the public interest to justify use of compulsory purchase powers to secure any land interests and rights required.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option is not to approve the implementation of the NWF CPO.

At the current time all known third party land interests needed for the construction and operation of the NWF have been acquired or are in the process of being acquired through negotiation, with terms agreed, and it is unlikely that compulsory purchase will be required.

It is still however necessary to mitigate against the risk of failure to complete any of the live acquisitions or those relating to any other unknown land

interests.

It is therefore necessary to implement a compulsory purchase order to provide absolute certainty that the Council can secure all of the required land interests.

As this approach is supported by MHCLG guidance it that the alternative option of not making the order is rejected.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Consultation on the Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan –
Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To approve consultation on the Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which will encourage Sunderland residents to travel sustainably; encourages healthier travel; and will help to bring the network up to the latest standard as set out in the Department for Transport (DfT) guidance note LTN 1/20. The LCWIP consultation draft has been prepared in accordance with DfT guidance and the availability of the document will help the City Council in the preparation of funding bids for active travel modes as well as for transport schemes generally.

Reasons for decision:

The LCWIP is key to implementing the policies set out in the City Plan and in the statutory land-use Local Plan. Whilst it will achieve transport related objectives related to air quality and traffic congestion, it will also contribute significantly to achieving wider health, wellbeing and economic objectives.

It will enable the City Council to develop a city-wide plan for cycling and walking through engagement with residents, businesses, interested groups and stakeholders on a programme of infrastructure improvements that will encourage citizens to use active travel modes for work and leisure and to enable the Council to access future funding opportunities in line with developing government policies.

The Covid pandemic has thrown these issues into greater perspective. Successive lockdowns and greater working from home over the past 15 months has enabled people to develop different lifestyles and travel patterns. Walking and cycling have thus become increasingly important for people to gain daily exercise. Together these provide an opportunity to achieve more permanent changes to travel patterns. The measures set out in the draft LCWIP will help us to encourage Sunderland residents to continue to use active travel.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The only other option considered would be to not adopt a plan or programme and implement Active Travel schemes on an ad-hoc basis. This would be contrary to government guidance and it could result in the Council being less likely to benefit from future funding opportunities for active travel. This would mean that the City Council could not access central Government funding for cycling and walking and Sunderland residents would be denied the benefits of greater active travel. There is also the danger that other funding streams such as Transforming Cities and 'levelling up' funding could be withheld due to the lack of an adopted LCWIP.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Procurement of Rock Armour for Sea Defence Structures located within Strategy Frontage 3 in the Port of Sunderland and Appointment of Contractor for Installation of Rock Armour – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To:

- (i) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to take all necessary steps to procure the required quantity of rock armour through open tender, together with the appointment of a contractor to install the rock armour using the NEPO 211 Civil Engineering and Infrastructure framework.
- (ii) Approve the funding arrangements for delivery of the proposed works.

Reasons for decision:

By undertaking the procurement and installation of rock armour to both locations within SF3, the lifespan of each structure will be extended, the functionality of the port will be maintained and Hudson Dock will continue to be protected.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternatives are submitted for Cabinet consideration as the works are effectively an extension of the existing rock revetment located at Stonehill Wall and an increase in height to the existing rock revetment located at Hendon Foreshore Barrier. It is essential that the proposed repair works are carried out for the reasons stated in this report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:
Extension of E-Scooter Trial – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To:

- i. approve the extension of the existing E-Scooter trial to 31st March 2022; and
- ii. authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Deputy Leader, to take all steps necessary to give effect to the trial extension.

Reasons for decision:

Since the E-Scooter trial commenced in Sunderland, Government Ministers have approved an extension of the nationwide trials from 30th November 2021 to 31 March 2022. The trial extension will allow extra time for trials to reach capacity and for the DfT to gather additional data.

The evidence gathered in the trial will guide final decisions about whether and, if so, how to fully legalise the use of e-scooters. It is important that Sunderland continues to take part in the trial, as data collected will contribute to deciding the long-term vision of sustainable and active travel in Sunderland and the UK.

E-scooters form a key part of the promotion of active and sustainable modes of transport and support the three core themes of the City Plan, as well as helping achieve the low carbon ambitions of the City, to become a carbon neutral city by 2040 and a Carbon neutral Council by 2030.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

An alternative option is to not extend Sunderland's E-Scooter Trial, ending the trial on 30 November 2021, removing the e-scooters from operation, terminating the contract with Neuron Mobility (United Kingdom) Limited and no longer participate in gathering data for DfT - This option is rejected on the basis that the absence of sustainable travel choices would not accord with the Council or City ambitions on becoming Carbon Neutral or the City Plan aims.

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy 2021-26 – Report of the
Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To approve the Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy 2021-26, a
copy of which is attached at Appendix A to the report.

Reasons for decision:

Maintaining an up to date Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy is
regarded as best practice and is a requirement by Government for the
provision of current and future capital funding for highway maintenance. The
revised Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy will assist the
Council in managing its highway assets efficiently.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No action – No action would result in a reduction in the capital allocation for
highway maintenance from the Department for Transport Incentive Fund and
possible reputational damage to the Council.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Next Generation Advanced Manufacturing Accelerator (N-GAMA) Project –
Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:
to:

- I) Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary, to accept the terms of a Funding Agreement with associated conditions from MHCLG to enable delivery of the Project;
- II) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Secretary and Executive Director of Corporate Services, to agree the terms of a Partnership Agreement with the North East Automotive Alliance (NEAA) to underpin the delivery of the Project;
- III) Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services and/or the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to execute all necessary legal agreements in order to give effect to (i) and (ii) above; and
- IV) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Cabinet Secretary, to take all necessary steps to procure and award all relevant contracts to support delivery of the Project pursuant to the Funding Agreement.

Reasons for decision:

The Project will increase opportunities for economic growth and job creation across the NELEP region through providing access to expertise and additional funding for SMEs. It will benefit up to 20 eligible enterprises across the city and wider region which are engaged in process, product and service innovation within the advanced manufacturing and Power Electronics Machines and Drives (PEMD) sectors, strengthening and accelerating the North East's adoption of digital technologies across the advanced manufacturing sector. This additional capability has the potential to help unlock inward investment from SMEs and help businesses capitalise on market opportunities in electrified propulsion, industrial digitalisation and low carbon technological solutions.

The Project will support delivery of the City Plan Dynamic City goal of creating more and better jobs. It will also support delivery of the North East Strategic Economic Plan ambition - to be a growth orientated, dynamic and productive environment where businesses invest, grow and thrive - by assisting SMEs to access the finance they need to grow.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There is no alternative option recommended. A decision not to proceed would mean that the opportunity to lever in ERDF funding to support economic growth for businesses in Sunderland and across the North East Local Economic Partnership (NELEP) area would be lost and the outcomes of the Project would not be delivered.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Enterprise Development – Innovate for Good – Report of the Executive
Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To:

- i) Authorise Financial Assistance of £146,243 to the NEBIC to enable delivery of a city-wide enterprise development project, focused around the Innovate for Good programme, ("the Project), subject to a successful outcome in relation to the NEBIC's current application to the Sunderland Community Led Local Development (CLLD) programme; and
- ii) Subject to the above, authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services, the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City, to agree and enter into a partnership agreement with the NEBIC for the delivery of the Project.

Reasons for decision:

Subject to the approval of a recently submitted CLLD funding bid, the city-wide project will be delivered by the North East Business Innovation Centre (NEBIC). It will enable delivery of an enterprise development project focused on increasing the number and strength of social enterprise and co-operative businesses across Sunderland. It will support existing Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector organisations to become more sustainable and provide pre-start assistance as well as working with start-ups and established businesses in the VCSE sector and enabling access to the NE BIC's Innovate for Good programme as appropriate.

The project will support the City Plan goal of creating more and better jobs, contribute to economic recovery post-Covid, and further accelerate delivery of the Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy. It will build on the increase in community interest companies which have been established over recent months both in Sunderland and the wider region, together with the city's Social Enterprise City status, and seek to increase the number of co-operative businesses within the city.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There is no alternative option recommended. A decision not to award the Financial Assistance to the NE BIC would mean that the opportunity to lever the associated CLLD funding would be lost and the outcomes from the project

would not be delivered.

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Variation of contract for the management of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Beach Street – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:

To authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, to vary the contract for the management of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Beach Street, Deptford, to extend the contract term until the site ceases to operate.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure continuity of service provision and the availability of a HWRC within the City it is necessary to continue to operate the HWRC at Beach Street until the new HWRC at Pallion is operational. The value of the contract variation may exceed £250,000 should the opening of the Pallion HWRC be delayed into 2022.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Two alternative options have been considered and are recommended to be rejected:

- i. Decide not to vary the existing contract and cease operation of the HWRC at Beach Street at the end of the current contract term on 31 September 2021. This option would result in no HWRC facilities in the City until the new Pallion HWRC facility was operational.
- ii. Retender and award a new short-term contract for the operation of the Beach Street HWRC based on submitted tenders. This option is commercially unsound as any change in service provider would cause staffing and service disruption and increased costs which is likely to result in a significant annual over-spend in the allocated budget for the remaining term of the operation of the site.

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Title and author(s) of written report:
Private Sector Housing Leasing models - Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:
To approve the Private Sector Housing Leasing models.

Reasons for decision:
The private sector housing leasing models have been developed to create additional interventions that will assist in tackling empty properties, poor housing conditions and associated adverse community impacts. The application of private sector leasing will increase the range of housing options available for local people who are waiting for homes from the Council's Housing Register.

Alternative options considered and rejected:
That the leasing model options do not proceed was considered but rejected as the proposed models will provide wider intervention options available to tackling empty properties in the City

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Winter Service Policy 2021/22 - Report of the Executive Director of
Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:

To:

- 1) Approve and adopt the Winter Service Policy 2021/22
- 2) Approve the publication of the Winter Service Policy 2021/22 on the
Council's Website
- 3) Approve and adopt the Grit Bin Policy 2021/22.

Reasons for decision:

Under the Highways Act 1980 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 there is a requirement on the Council to introduce systems to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic by ensuring, so far as is reasonably practical, safe passage along the highway without danger from snow or ice, the policy ensures that clear and appropriate plans are in place to meet all required legal duties.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

That the Council does not adopt a Winter Service Policy.

This was rejected as without a Winter Service Policy the Council would fail to meet its legal duties as it would have no structured plans or management arrangements in place.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Cumulative Impact Assessment – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:

To recommend to Council that the existing CIA should cease as from 19 September 2021, and that a CIA be further considered in the next 6-12 months subject to the availability of all relevant data at that time.

Reasons for decision:

To facilitate compliance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 that the Council undertakes a review of its CIA within three years of implementation.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options available to the Council which are considered to be appropriate. The existing CIA is required to be reviewed within the statutory timescale. In the absence of relevant current data, there are insufficient grounds to exercise a CIA beyond 18 September 2021, and therefore the proposal to cease with a CIA as set out in the Report is the only appropriate option available at this time.

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Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny
Committee

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Sunderland Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls
Executive Board – Report of the Executive Director of Public Health and
Integrated Commissioning

Full description of decision:

To approve:-

- (a) the appointment of a new Sunderland Domestic Abuse and Violence against Women and Girls Executive Board pursuant to the Council's duties under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021;
- (b) the Terms of Reference and membership of the Board as set out in Appendix 1 to this report;
- (c) authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning, to appoint representatives to the Board and to agree any outstanding appointments where necessary and to take all other necessary administrative steps to establish and maintain the Board.

Reasons for decision:

The reason for the decision is to ensure the Council can fulfil its statutory functions under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and address the wider violence against women and girls (VAWG) agenda.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

An alternative would be to allow the responsibility to sit within the Safer Sunderland Partnership, where previously responsibilities for domestic abuse and VAWG have been addressed. This option has been dismissed as both the Council and partners believe the domestic abuse and VAWG agenda should be given prominence in its own right given the new statutory functions under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Collaboration Agreement with Sunderland Culture Ltd, the University of Sunderland, and the Sunderland Music, Arts and Culture Trust – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:

To:

- approve that the Council enters into a new Collaboration Agreement with Sunderland Culture Ltd, the University of Sunderland and Sunderland Music, Arts and Culture Trust; and
- delegate authority to the Executive Director – Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Vibrant City and the Executive Director of Corporate Services to agree the terms on which Sunderland Culture Ltd will continue to be responsible for the delivery and marketing of the cultural programme at the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens and Arts Centre Washington, and to enter into a 'Project Schedule' which will formalise this arrangement.

Reasons for decision:

The Collaboration Agreement between Sunderland Culture Ltd and its founding members will establish a new framework which governs the members respective rights and obligations in relation to each other, and which complements Sunderland Culture Ltd's existing Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Do nothing – this option is not recommended as it will not help to address any of the matters raised as part of Sunderland Culture Ltd's recent independent governance review.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillor Rowntree declared an interest as the Council representative on the University of Sunderland: Board Of Governors and Councillor Williams declared an interest as the Council representative on Sunderland Culture Limited. Both Councillors withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Land Acquisition and Potential Use of Compulsory Purchase Powers to Support the Upgrade of the A1290 – Report of the Development Director (Residential)

Full description of decision:

To:

- i) Authorise the Development Director (Residential), in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Secretary and the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to acquire such land and/or rights by agreement as may be needed to allow the delivery of the Scheme on such terms as considered appropriate.
- ii) Approve in principle, the potential use of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers pursuant to Sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 to facilitate the delivery of the Scheme;
- iii) Authorise the Development Director (Residential) to undertake a detailed land referencing exercise in respect of the Scheme land and take all preparatory steps required to prepare for the potential CPO referred to above;
- iv) Authorise the Development Director (Residential), in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary and the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to agree the terms of, and enter into, appropriate indemnification arrangements with IAMP LLP in respect of the costs of the proposed CPO process and
- v) Agree to receive a further report in due course in respect of the proposed making of the CPO once the land referencing exercise is complete and the draft order and the accompanying statement of reasons has been prepared.

Reasons for decision:

In order to support the further development of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP), including the recently announced Envision Battery Plant, upgrades are required to highway infrastructure within the local area. IAMP is a nationally significant infrastructure project and a major strategic economic development site in Sunderland and South Tyneside. The comprehensive delivery of IAMP will lead to significant economic, social and/or environmental benefits to the city.

The proposed use of CPO powers under the Highways Act is required to acquire the necessary land and/or rights that enable the delivery of the Scheme and facilitate the provision of the necessary highways upgrades that

support the delivery of IAMP.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative options are:

- (i) Not to progress the delivery of the Scheme- however, this is likely to prejudice the delivery of the subsequent stages of IAMP and therefore is not recommended given the strategic importance of IAMP as a development site;
- (ii) Not to progress the potential CPO and rely on IAMP LLP pursuing a Development Consent Order (DCO) which will enable the compulsory acquisition of the IAMP Two land (including the Scheme land) which cannot be acquired by agreement. Acquisition via the DCO cannot take place until the process is brought to a conclusion which is likely to take some time and is likely to take longer than a specific CPO process for the Scheme. Therefore this will delay the delivery of the IAMP scheme as a whole and is therefore not recommended.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillor G. Miller declared an interest as the Council appointed representative and Councillor Rowntree declared an interest as the Council appointed substitute on the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) LLP. Both Councillors withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee

Date decision in force:

24 September 2021

Date of decision:

14 September 2021

Title and author(s) of written report:

Appointment of a Preferred Bidder for the Council's 5G Smart City Project
and Related Matters – Report of the Chief Executive

Full description of decision:

To approve the recommendations contained in the report on the outcome of
the JV partner procurement process for the Project and to appoint the
preferred bidder detailed in the report on the basis of the tender evaluation as
set out in the report.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

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Committee

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14 September 2021

Title and author(s) of written report:

Lease of Land at Azure Court, Doxford Park – Report of the Executive Director of City Development.

Full description of decision:

To;

- i. Approve the lease of land at Azure Court, Doxford Park shown edged bold on the plan at Appendix 1 (“the Property”) on the terms set out in the report;
- ii. Authorise the Executive Director of City Development to agree the final terms of the proposed arrangements set out in (i) above in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services, Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

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Committee

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Lease of office space within Sunderland Software Centre to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To;

- (i) Approve the letting of the areas on the attached plan at Appendix 1 on the terms set out in the report.
- (ii) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development to agree the final terms of the proposed arrangements set out in (i) above in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services, Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:
Economic Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee

Date decision in force:
24 September 2021

Date of decision:
14 September 2021

Title and author(s) of written report:

The acquisition of land and the award of a development agreement to deliver 16 new bungalows at Hudson Road, SR1 2LJ – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:

1. To approve the acquisition of land at Hudson Road, and negotiate the award of a development agreement to deliver 16 new-build Affordable Rent bungalows, on terms outlined with the report;
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City to finalise and agree the detailed terms of the land acquisition and associated development agreement; and
3. Authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services to submit an application to Homes England for grant funding to support the delivery of the project, agree any funding conditions and to enter into any grant funding agreement in relation to this application

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee

Date decision in force:

24 September 2021

Date of decision:

14 September 2021

Title and author(s) of written report:

The acquisition of land and award of a development agreement to deliver 16 new build affordable rent homes at Old Mill Road, Southwick, SR5 5TP –
Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:

1. To approve the acquisition of land at Old Mill Road, Southwick, and the award of a development agreement to deliver 16 new-build Affordable Rent homes, on terms outlined within this report;
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City to finalise and agree the detailed terms of the land acquisition and associated development agreement; and
3. Authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services to submit an application to Homes England for grant funding to support the delivery of the project, agree any funding conditions and to enter into any grant funding agreement in relation to this application.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Cabinet

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Economic Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee

Date decision in force:
24 September 2021

Date of decision:
14 September 2021

Title and author(s) of written report:

The acquisition of land and the award of a development agreement to deliver 13 new build apartments at James William Street, Hendon – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Full description of decision:

1. To approve the acquisition of land at James William Street, and negotiate the award of a development agreement to deliver 13 new-build affordable rent apartments, on terms outlined within the report;
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City to finalise and agree the detailed terms of the land acquisition and associated development agreement; and
3. To authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services to submit an application to Homes England for grant funding to support the delivery of the project, agree any funding conditions and to enter into any grant funding agreement in relation to this application

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None