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Decision Taker: Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:
Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:

12/Dec/2014

Date of decision:

04/Dec/2014

Full description of decision:

To note progress of development proposals for Site. To reaffirm DCX authorised to take all necessary action to bring forward delivery of this key economic development Site through procurement of all necessary infrastructure/enabling works for Site. To agree that Site no longer required for purpose for which it is currently held by Council, namely as investment land. To authorise appropriation of Site for planning purposes pursuant s.122 (1) of LGA 1972 (within meaning of S246 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. To authorise DCX to dispose of Site on best consideration & on terms/phases to be determined by DCX in agreement with Leader & Cabinet Secretary. To authorise DCX & Head of Law & Governance to take all necessary action in order to implement the above. To provide support to the newly formed North East Automotive Alliance by way of revenue support contributions of £100,000 in this financial year & further £100,000 in 2015/2016 & to recommend to Council that CX be appointed as Council's rep on Board.

Reasons for decision:

Council-owned key development site in a strategic location partly within the A19 EZ which could facilitate expansion of low carbon automotive and advanced manufacturing sectors within the local area and promote substantial economic, social and environmental benefits to the City. There is clear and urgent occupier demand to carry out significant economic development on the Site. The appropriation of the Site for planning purposes would facilitate the development of the Site through enabling infrastructure (including the new spine road) and thereafter potential substantial economic development on the Site. In relation to the proposals in respect of NEAA the purpose of NEAA is to provide one voice to raise the profile and promote the automotive industry in the region, lobby, and support its continued growth within the North East.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to proceed with the development and delivery of the Site would be to the detriment of the economic regeneration of the local area and the City.

Title and author(s) of written report:

A19 Ultra Low Carbon Vehicle Enterprise Zone - Appropriation of land at Hillthorn Farm / Enterprise Zone Site 3 and project update - Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None