



Committee: Cabinet

Date: 17 February 2015

Subject: Overview & Scrutiny Rule 21 – Urgency and Call-In

Portfolio: Asset Management & Economic Development (Councillor Mrs. A. Grigg)

Recommending:

To note that the Chairman of Council agreed that the following decision of the Cabinet be treated as a matter of urgency and not be subject to the call-in provisions:

- (1) That Cabinet agrees to retain the expertise and knowledge of the Assistant Director (Asset Management and Economic Development) on a part-time contract basis for a period of 13 months, to ensure that the development of Langston Road and other sites critical to the Council's future revenue streams proceed without delay;**
 - (2) That Cabinet approve the use of Contract Standing Order C10 (Negotiated Tendering) to procure the contract;**
 - (3) That Cabinet delegate the authority to negotiate and finalise contract terms to the Chief Executive and the Asset Management and Economic Development Portfolio Holder;**
 - (4) That the cost is funded in 2014/15 from existing DDF development budgets;**
 - (5) That a DDF bid be made for £90,000 to cover the cost in 2015/16;**
 - (6) That given the high monthly cost of delaying key projects, the contract is executed expeditiously; and**
 - (7) That the Director of Neighbourhoods procures replacement resource with an appropriate handover programme 6 months before the end of the contract period.**
1. The Cabinet has considered a report that sought to retain the services of the former Assistant Director (Asset Management and Economic Development), who had resigned from the Council's employment with effect from 13 February 2015.
 2. Recruiting to this role would take some time and the Cabinet agreed to a part-time contract with this officer for a period of thirteen months. This would ensure that the Council did not lose momentum on major development sites.
 3. Members are able to read the restricted report on the Cabinet agenda.
 4. The Chairman of the Council has agreed to waive the call-in procedure as any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's interests, as a result of the risk of delayed rental income and/or increased development costs, which would have a significant impact on its ability to balance budgets without reducing services.