

General Exception Notice

Pursuant to the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 Notice of Key Decision

Decision to be taken and by whom

To award a contract, via a framework, for external expertise to undertake all necessary works relating to the delivery of a planning application for the stockyard development in accordance with the Levelling up Fund

Reasons why this is Key Decision

The cost of this stage of the stockyard development is expected to be £800k

Why was not included in the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions and why it would not be practicable to defer the decision

Due to the short timescales relating to the Levelling Up fund and appraisals of options relating to the delivery of the works required for a planning application it has recently been decided that this route would be the best and most efficient course of action for the delivery of this portion of the programme. The Project Plan that has been developed identifies a very tight timescales for delivery and so it is essential that the work required to submit the planning application begins as soon as possible.

The stockyard proposition is required to be delivered by the 31st March 2025 to adhere to Levelling up fund requirements. Working back from this date we will need to begin the design process and associated works to enable a successful planning application to be submitted by December 2023. It is expected these works will take around 6-7 months and therefore we are unable to delay the decision further.

List of documents submitted to the decision-maker

Decision Notice

Procurement options appraisal for stockyard development

Costings for submission of planning application (up to and including RIBA 4)

Part of the Constitution authorising the decision

The Portfolio Holder/Officer is authorised to make the decision under the Scheme of Delegation

Rule 2.4 (General Exception) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules
(Chapter Three –Procedure Rules)

In accordance with those rules it is confirmed that:

- Notice in writing has been provided to the Chair of Scrutiny Committee.
- Copies of this notice have been made available to the public at the Council Offices and on the Council's website; and
- The decision will not be made until at least 5 clear days have elapsed since the above bullet points were complied with.

Notice must be given in the first instance to the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee.

The General Exception procedure allows a Key Decision which has been omitted from the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions to be taken, provided 5 clear days has elapsed between informing the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee and making a copy of this notice available to the public (on the website and displayed in the Council Offices and the decision being taken.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the decision may be requested from the email address given below. In addition, the public may submit other documents relevant to the decision to the same email address.

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