

RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION (OFFICER)

1. Decision Reference No.	CEX419
2. Name/Title of Officer	Pranali Parikh Director for Growth & Regeneration
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4. Title / Subject Matter:	Memorandum of Understanding with ICB
5. Type of Decision:	Public
6. Key Decision?	No

7. Decision Taken:

 To enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Integrated Care Board to explore a shared delivery plan and shared asset for the Provision of a GP Surgery at Parkside, Melton Mowbray

8. Reasons for Decision:

The Council's new Corporate Strategy – Vision 2036 and Corporate delivery plan identifies 'Maximising the value of our assets' as a key focus area under Theme 4- sustainable growth and infrastructure. One of the key actions for this focus area is 'Development of a business case to establish feasibility for use of Parkside as a second GP practice'.

The Council is working with the Integrated Care Board for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (the ICB) for the development of a GP surgery in Parkside. In October 2023, the ICB approved Parkside to be explored as the preferred option for the second GP surgery in Melton. A Melton GP surgery steering group has been established for colleagues from the council and ICB to work together to bring the proposals forward.

The MoU provides a framework and structure to the arrangements in place and demonstrates the commitment from both parties to work together to develop the business case. Following it being signed by both parties, the ICB will conclude the procurement of consultants for design and costing of the proposals that will inform the business case for both organisations.

It should be noted that the MoU is not a legally binding document and there is no value to the agreement. Rather, it sets out the intentions of how both parties wish to work together for the project.

9. Authority / Legal Power:

The Director for Growth and Regeneration has delegated authority to enter into the MoU pursuant to part 12.2 of the Officer Scheme of Delegation.

10. Background Papers attached?

No

11. Alternative options available / rejected:

1. Not signing the MoU is not considered a recommended option as this is a corporate priority.

12. Implications:

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Legal	The MoU is not a legally binding document but rather sets out the parties' intentions of how they wish to work together for the project. Part 8 of the MoU details the legal effect. Additional professional advice will be sought as necessary once additional information is available in relation to the Council's options and if any other decisions are to be taken The Council has the power to enter into contracts in order discharge its functions (Local Government Act 1972, s111 and the Local Government (contract) Act 1997, s1). The Local Government Act 1972 requires the Council to have regulations for how it enters into contracts. In addition to complying with all relevant UK and EU legislation every contract entered into on behalf of the Council must also comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Council's Financial Regulations There are no data protection implications arising out of this proposal. [Legal Approval - 3 March 2024]
Finance	It is proposed to share the cost for design work on 50-50 basis by both the Council and the ICB. The estimated cost for design is likely to be circa £50,000. This will be funded from the approved project budget for the Asset Development Programme. There is money available in the project budget to cover the cost. [Director for Corporate Services 20 February 2024]
HR	There are no HR implications for this stage of the work [HR & Communications Approval – 27 February 2024]

13. APPROVAL/SIGN OFF (Do not complete until all implications signed off at Section 12)		
Signature of Decision Maker with authority to sign:	Email approval received Pranali Parikh Director for Growth & Regeneration	
Consultation with:	Email notification received CIIr Sarah Cox Portfolio Holder for Finance, Property and Resources	
Date:	04 March 2024	

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