

Written response to: Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Resolution: That the Policy and Performance Officer seek written responses for circulation to the Panel as follows:

- An update on the redevelopment of the Sands Centre from the Deputy Chief Executive. In particular, reasons for the changes to the original timescales stated in the Carlisle Plan updates.

Written response from: Policy & Performance Officer / Deputy Chief Executive

Response:

The start date for the development of March 2019 was dependent on the completion of key stages in the Council democratic process and its impact on the project design development. The key stages at this time were:

1. Council Approval for the scheme, the budget and corresponding support agreements were in place by March 2019;
2. The Sport England Grant was in place by March 2019;
3. Completion of The Route To Affordability and corresponding amendments to the design by the end of October 2018;
4. The temporary accommodation for the GLL and NHS decants could be achieved - subject to Council budget approval and planning permission by March 2019.
5. Placing of contracts for the Main works and enabling works by May 2019 (allowing two months from Council approval to placing of the contracts);
6. Conclusion of the lease arrangements on all sites by May 2019 (allowing two months from Council approval to conclusion of the leases);
7. Authority to carry out survey work necessary for the scheme to progress - subject to approval of the proposed scheme and budget by the Council.
8. Completion of the design works up to the end of RIBA stage 4B (subject to approval of project and budget to progress beyond RIBA stage 3);
9. Satisfying the pre-commencement planning conditions on all sites;
10. Satisfying the Building Regulations requirements on all site;

Most of the key tasks listed were dependant on Council approval of the project and corresponding budgets to be in place, together with the award of the grant from Sport England (Item 1 and 2 above). This was originally scheduled to be presented in time for the March Council. However, the key submission dates were delayed (with consultation) until the

formation of the new Council in May 2019 and the presentation of the documents for approval at the first available council meeting at the end of June 2019. The delay in the submission and approval of the project, budget and delegation from March 2019 until the end of June 2019 has in effect delayed all the 10 key tasks listed as they all needed project and budget approval to progress or complete.

Date: 3/10/19