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PF.1/21

EMPTY PROPERTY GRANT ASSISTANCE

Portfolio Holder who made the Decision:

Councillor Mr Paul Nigel Hamilton Nedved

Portfolio Area:

Subject Matter:

A decision notice to refer the Empty Property Grant Assistance to the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel for consideration before the Grant Assistance is presented to the Executive on 8 March 2021.

Summary of Options rejected:

To refer the Report to the EGSP meeting of the 12th April 2021. Rejected as it could mean the Report again being considered by a further Executive. To streamline the decision-making process, it seems more efficient for the opinions of the EGSP to be available for the 8th March 2021.

DECISION

To refer the Committee Report on the Empty Homes Grant Assistance to the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel (EGSP) for its meeting on the 4th March 2021. This will be before the Report is considered by the Executive on the 8th March 2021.

Reasons for Decision

The EGSP made a requested to consider the Report and it would be useful to have their input before a decision is made by the Executive.

Background Papers considered:

None

Date Decision Made:

01 February 2021

Implementation Date:

Notice of Decision taken by The Leader – Councillor John Mallinson

Leader's Decision Reference:	LD.02/21
Subject Title:	<p>Paton House project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Variation on roles and responsibilities in the delivery of the demolition of the building• Addition of the project to the Council's capital and revenue programmes for 2020-21 and 2021-22
Subject Matter:	<p>Approval to proceed with the Paton House project was given by the Executive in March 2020 (Private Report ED14/20 Not for publication by Virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972). The project involves the acquisition of the long leasehold interest on the building to enable its subsequent demolition.</p> <p>The project is wholly funded by Cumbria LEP (£1.782m) and forms the first stage of site assembly for the redevelopment of the Citadels that is being funded through the Borderlands Growth Deal.</p> <p>The report outlined that Cumbria County Council would carry out the demolition on behalf of the City Council by taking control of the site under a licence and managing the works, including the procurement and contracting of contractors directly.</p> <p>The County Council subsequently notified the City Council that they were unable to progress in this role.</p> <p>In order to ensure the successful delivery of the project a co-operation agreement was entered into (OD83/20). This sets out the roles and responsibilities of the two councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cumbria County Council undertaking procurement (professional support services and main demolition) and project management of both workstreams and;• City Council responsible for preparation and award of contracts (professional support services and main demolition) and financial management. <p>This variation to the recommendation will increase the level of risk to Carlisle City Council event of project / financial over run.</p>

	<p>The cost of the demolition of the building is included within the grant funding secured from Cumbria LEP and a budget of £892,500 has been allocated. Tenders for the demolition have been received, with the preferred contractor quoting £750,000 for the works.</p> <p>This £892,500 figure includes £45,000 for the appointment of a technical advisor, who will act as a liaison between the city council and the appointed contractor. Therefore, a budget of £847,500 is available for the capital demolition work. Taking into account the £45,000 for the appointment of the technical advisor, £97,500 (11.5%) is available for contingencies / cost overrun.</p>
Relevant Portfolio Area:	Leader
Decision Taken:	<p>Change to the recommendation agreed by the Executive in March 2020 (ED14/20) - under the provisions of the Cooperation Agreement, Carlisle City Council will be responsible for preparation and award of the professional support services and main demolition contracts, and overall financial management.</p> <p>Add the project to the Council's capital and revenue programmes for 2020-21 and 2021-22, with the following spend profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £879,500 for 2020/21 (£814,500 and £65,000 for the capital and revenue budgets respectively and; • £902,500 for 2021/22 (£862,500 and £40,000 for the capital and revenue budgets respectively).
Key or Non-Key Decision:	YES
Date Decision Made:	23/02/2021
Reports and Background Papers considered:	<p>Paton House Project – variation on roles and responsibilities in the delivery of the demolition of the building</p> <p>(Private Report - Not for publication by Virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)</p>
Details of alternative options considered and rejected:	None. Not entering into a demolition contract will result in the Paton House project not proceeding and the loss of the CLEP funding.

Interests Declared:	None
Date published:	24 February 2021
Urgent Decision not subject to call in:	YES
Consent of Chairman/Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:	YES/NO – Mayor 24/02/2021
Deadline for call-in:	N/A
Implementation date if not called in:	24 February 2021

Relevant Scrutiny Panel:	Economic Growth
Call-in notified to and date notified:	N/A
Approved for implementation on:	24 February 2021

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