## Notice of Decision taken by The Leader – Councillor John Mallinson

Leader's Decision Reference:	LD.02/22
Subject Title:	Future High Street – Reimagining the Market Square / Greenmarket Engagement and Design contract for works

## **Subject Matter:**

Delivery of the Future High Street Fund (FHSF) programme of projects was agreed at Executive on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (ED.19/21) including the Reimagining the Market Square / Greenmarket Project.

Approval to enter into a grant funding agreement with Cumbria County Council to deliver two of the FHSF projects relating to the public realm was approved on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (ED33/21). This included the Reimagining the Market Square / Greenmarket Project.

Subsequent to this County and City Council officers working on the development of the project agreed that as Carlisle City Councill is the primary user of the Market Square area it is best placed to lead on the first phase of the project i.e. the engagement and design up to RIBA Stage 2. Cumbria County Councill would then deliver the detailed design and build element of the project.

After an open and rigorous tender process, the City Council is ready to award the contract for the design and engagement work stream at a cost £48,563 to the winning contractor. This is not the lowest tender of tenders ranging from £43,775 to £49,962.

The programme has been delayed due to prolonged negotiation on contractual arrangements with Cumbria County Council. The request for a LDN to award the contract for this work is based on the avoidance of further delays that will detrimentally impact on the delivery of the project before the end of March 2024.

This is a public facing project and important to the delivery of the City Center regeneration strategy.

Relevant Portfolio	Economy Enterprise and Housing
Area:	

Key or Non-Key Decision:	NO
	YES - Key Decision Reference:

Date Decision Made:	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2022		
Reports and Background Papers considered:	ED.19/21 and ED. 33/21		
Reasons for Decision:	The request for a LDN to award the contract for this work is based on the avoidance of further delays that will detrimentally impact on the delivery of the project before the end of March 2024.		
Details of alternation options considere and rejected:		If the LDN is not progressed it will impact the project timeline.	
Interests Declared:	None		
Date published: 29 March 2022			
Urgent Decision not subject to call in:		YES	
Consent of Chairman/Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:		YES/NO -	

Deadline for	call-	N/A
in:		

Implementation date if not called in:	29 March 2022
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Relevant Scrutiny Panel:	Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel
Call-in notified to and date notified:	N/A
Approved for implementation on:	N/A

Signed: Signature redacted

Date: 28th March 2022

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