Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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RULE 15 Bath Riverside Land and Infrastructure Investment

Bath Western Riverside will provide up to 2284 new homes on former industrial land in the heart of the city. The scheme was committed in 2010 and has now built out 854 new homes including 25% affordable homes. The remaining land comprises forma gas works and live operational gas infrastructure which risks the delivery of the remaining 1000+ homes. The Council has a continuing role using external grant funding to secure delivery of this strategically important project in the heart of the Bath City Riverside Enterprise Zone.

Decision Maker: Council Leader Decision published: 29/08/2019 Effective from: 28/08/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agree to;

a. Increase the Provisional Capital programme item for Bath Western Riverside from £12.5M to £29.8M to incorporate additional external funding allocations from WECA and Homes England;

b. Delegate the approval to the Director of Economy and Growth in consultation with the S151 Finance officer to;

I. Enter funding agreements with Homes England and WECA to fund infrastructure and land investment in the future phase of Bath Riverside on the former gas lands and Council waste site.

II. Move provisional capital approved to full approval upon entry to Funding Agreements and commitment to proceed on infrastructure expenditure

III. Recycle initial investment in enabling infrastructure to support the Council's aims to deliver additionality to affordable housing provision and school delivery as part of the future project outcomes.

c. Approve the execution of actions under the Council's Corporate Agreement with Crest entered in 2010 to exercise its pre-emption to acquire undeveloped land within the Bath Western Riverside project (the Site).

d. Delegate to the Director of Economy and Growth the power to appropriate for planning purposes the Site (pursuant to section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972) and to exercise the power, if required, under Section 203 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 ("Section 203") to facilitate the carrying out of the development of the Site.

Lead officer: Simon Martin

RULE 15 New lease of a retail unit in Bath

To seek approval to the letting of a key anchor retail unit within Bath City Centre. Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Resources Decision published: 22/08/2019 Effective from: 22/08/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member is asked to;

Approve the new lease of a retail unit within Bath City Centre subject to the provisions contained within the Heads of Terms attached in the exempt Appendix 1 to this report.

Lead officer: Richard Long

Supporting an Exemplar Housing Development

The Council's housing development company Aequus Construction Ltd is delivering nine family homes in the Southdown Ward of Bath. This report seeks to utilise this site as an exemplar for a number of priorities including affordable housing, climate emergency and homes for local people.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, and Economic Development Decision published: 14/08/2019 Effective from: 22/08/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that:

(i) A grant of £140K capital funding be provided to ACL from the Affordable Housing Programme to support the provision of two shared-ownership affordable family homes within the development which is beyond current planning policy requirements.
(ii) An allocation of £128K of funding be provided from the Revenue Budget Contingency to enable the Council to fund the measures needed to deliver very low carbon, sustainable family homes and to enable the Council to use this site as an exemplar site for climate change emergency.

(iii) An allocation of £7K of revenue funding from the Revenue Budget Contingency be provided for title restrictions in favour of the Council against the future use of the properties for HMO purposes.

Lead officer: Martin Shields

Adoption of Revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and related Revised Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 List relating to new development green space requirements

Currently, where green space requirements for new development are not provided on site as part of the development which is covered by planning obligations, there is no direct mechanism for mitigating the impact of development off site in terms of impact on green space provision, as CIL is not intended for site specific mitigation projects at the planning application stage. The aim of this report is to adopt amendments to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) approved 2015 and related amendments to the Regulation 123 list (R123) list to make it clear that where on site provision is not practical, off site provision including enhancement and maintenance of existing green space should be secured by way of planning obligation to mitigate the impact of development.

In addition, there are minor amendments to the section on adoption of green space by the Council and minor factual updates to the Tree Replacement section of the SPD are also included to reflect updated cost information on tree replacement where applicable.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, and Economic Development

Decision published: 31/07/2019 Effective from: 09/08/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agreed that the Planning Obligations SPD amendments relating to S106 green space obligations, and updated costs for tree replacement are adopted.

The Cabinet Member agreed that the Regulation 123 (R123) amendments are approved

Lead officer: Richard Daone

Aequus Developments Limited 2019-20 Business Plan and Remuneration Report

Report seeking shareholder approval to the Aequus Business Plan for 2019-22 and to the Aequus Remuneration policy. Decision Maker: Council Leader Decision published: 24/07/2019 Effective from: 24/07/2019

Decision:

To approve the Aequus Developments Limited 2019-22 Business Plan and Remuneration Report.

Lead officer: Michael Hewitt

Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy for Bath - Approval of the fifth round of project recommendations

This decision asks for approval for the recommendations set out by the Bath City Forum relating to the fifth allocation of funding for three projects from Bath's "neighbourhood portion" of the Community Infrastructure Levy. Decision Maker: Council Leader Decision published: 01/07/2019 Effective from: 09/07/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that funding be provided from Neighbourhood CIL Project Funding for Bath:

To agree a £34,500 allocation from the Bath CIL neighbourhood portion for Bathwick Towpath Improvement Project Application BA059

To agree a £19,200 allocation from the Bath CIL neighbourhood portion for Queen Square Bench Project Application BA062

To agree a £3,650 allocation from the Bath CIL neighbourhood portion for KiActiv Health – Move More Project Application BA061

To agree a £125,000 allocation from the Bath CIL neighbourhood portion for Bath City Farm Community Hub Project Application BA051

To agree a £12,300 allocation from the Bath CIL neighbourhood portion for – Parade Gardens Bandstand Renovation Project Application BA053

Lead officer: Mark Hayward