

Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Wallsend Customer First Centre Community Hub – Appointment of contractor

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Elected Mayor

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary

An urgent decision is sought from the Elected Mayor to consent to the award of contract to appoint the contractor for the Wallsend Customer First Centre (CFC) Community Hub project to bring Northumbria Police and Wallsend's drug and alcohol unit into the building.

At its meeting on 10 December 2012, Cabinet agreed approval for the refurbishment of the existing Wallsend building to transform it into one of the Authority's key town centre CFCs.

External funding has since been obtained to bring in further partners to enhance the Wallsend CFC Community hub offer. This includes a Northumbria Police office to the ground floor and the relocation of Wallsend's drug and alcohol unit to part of the second floor.

A tender progressed utilising the Authority's existing Framework of contractors. All three submissions included projects costs above the £500k threshold, which would usually require Cabinet approval to undertake a procurement exercise, hence the need for an urgent decision to be taken prior to the next scheduled Cabinet meeting.

5. Alternative Options considered

Not to provide consent to the award of contract as identified at appendix 1 within the main report.

This would make it necessary for the Authority to begin a new procurement process and explain to the successful tenderer the reasons why the contract was not awarded following a compliant process.

6. Decision(s)

Approval is given to (1) the retrospective undertaking of a procurement exercise in relation to the Wallsend Customer First Centre (CFC) Community Hub project and (2) authorise the Head of Commissioning and Asset Management to award the contract to the bidder as set out at Appendix 1 within the main report who represents the most economically advantageous tender.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

This will allow the Authority to enhance the Wallsend CFC offer in line with the Our North Tyneside Plan and allow external funding obtained by the Authority to be spent improving the town centre's mix of uses for the benefit of the local community.

8. Date Decision Made

24 February 2020

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

No – see below*

10. Date of Publication

24 February 2020

11. Implementation Date

24 February 2020

*Note – this is an Urgent Decision, as agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Chair of Council.

The reason for urgency is as follows:

A decision is required under the 'Special Urgency' provisions of the Authority's Constitution in order to finalise the contracts with the bidders, as any delays could cause delays to the delivery programme and increased costs to the Authority and potential funding clawback.