

## Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

### 1. Subject of decision

Whitley Bay Playhouse

### 2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

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

Not applicable

### 4. Executive summary

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Cabinet received a report entitled Procurement Plan 2023/24 and agreed to the procurement exercises specified in that report proceeding through the 2023/24 financial year and to the awarding of contracts in accordance with UK public procurement legislation to the most advantageous tenders.

To facilitate this process delegated authority was given to the relevant Director in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, Director of Resources Head of Law to commence the specified procurements and to thereafter award contracts to the bidders who submitted the most advantageous tenders.

Included in the 2023/24 Procurement Plan was that relating to the operation and management of the Whitley Bay Playhouse.

Following the conclusion of the procurement exercise undertaken between January 2025 and August 2025 a bidder has been identified who will operate the Playhouse on behalf of the Authority, and the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development is asked to agree to enter into a contract with that bidder.

## **5. Alternative Options considered**

### Option 1

To agree to the Authority entering into a contract with the preferred bidder in relation to the management and maintenance of Whitley Bay Playhouse

### Option 2

Not to agree to the Authority entering into a contract with the preferred bidder in relation to the management and maintenance of Whitley Bay Playhouse.

To enter into a contract with the preferred bidder in relation to the management and maintenance of Whitley Bay Playhouse.

## **7. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

The bidder has been identified following the conclusion of a procurement exercise and is the most economically advantageous option for the Authority. The Deputy Mayor, Director of Resources and Head of Law who have been consulted on this matter are in agreement to such a contract being entered into.

## **8. Date Decision Made**

7 August 2025

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

5pm on 9 September 2025

**10. Date of Publication**

2 September 2025

**11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)**

10 September 2025

Note: \*The report in relation to the decision indicated above is  
'Not for publication under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the  
Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).'