

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s) By Elected Mayor

1. Subject of decision

Procurement of Demolition Contract, Unicorn House, North Shields

2. Name and Portfolio of Cabinet member(s) (Decision Maker)

Norma Redfearn, Elected Mayor

3. Head of Service

Head of Commissioning and Asset Management

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

None

5. Executive summary

As part of the Ambition for North Tyneside and North Shields Master Plan, Cabinet gave approval on 20 January 2020 to the acquisition of Unicorn House with the intention of the site being cleared in preparation for a housing-led regeneration scheme complementing the on-going work at Northumberland Square and the emerging North Shields Masterplan. The purchase of the property was subsequently completed on 6 February 2020.

Approval is sought to commence a procurement exercise in respect of the asbestos removal and demolition contract for the building as the total cost of the work is expected to exceed £500,000 in value.

For the full report please see item 5 [here](#)

6. Alternative Options considered

Option 1 – Approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report.

Option 2 – Not approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2 of the report in which case the existing building will remain standing on the site.

7. Decision(s)

The Elected Mayor has agreed to:

1. approve the commencement of a procurement exercise for the removal of asbestos and demolition of Unicorn House; and
2. delegate authority to the Head of Commissioning and Asset Management in consultation with the Head of Resources, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development, Head of Law and Governance, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and the Deputy Mayor to award a contract to the bidder who represents the most economically advantageous tender.

8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The demolition and development of the Unicorn House site will add immediate and significant value to the Authority's Ambition for North Tyneside.

9. Date Decision Made

26 March 2020

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

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020

11. Date of Publication

27 March 2020

12. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020