

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision	Alternative Options Considered	Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer)	Consultation with relevant Ward Member(s) Yes/No	Subject to Call-in? Yes/No
1 st December 2025	Leader of the Council in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm	Following Cabinet delegating authority of the High Street Accelerator 'Green Space' budget to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm, this decision approves the following: a) That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm authorises the Council to enter into contract with Ryebidge Construction Limited; and b) Subject to (a) above, approves expenditure of £296,151.65 from the High	On 24 May 2024, Cabinet considered a report titled <i>'PROGRESS WITH TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION THROUGH THE CLACTON LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS AND DOVERCOURT HIGH STREET ACCELERATOR.'</i> Through that report, Cabinet delegated authorisation of this spending of the High St Accelerator Green Space Budget of £500,000 to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm. The spending recommendations for the High Street Accelerator budgets are put forward by the 'High Street Accelerator' partnership, which is formed from a variety of organisations who are representative of the town centre and wider community. This project has been agreed by the partnership and now awaiting formal	To not procure and miss the opportunity to maximise the offer to Dovercourt and not providing the best value. To not progress the green space projects or scale them down, returning money to MHCLG therefore not requiring this support.	Note: As the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism is a core member of the High Street Accelerator Partnership, decision making for this project has been delegated by Cabinet to the Leader of the Council	Yes	Yes

		Street Accelerator budget to pay for green space works in Dovercourt. <u>Reports</u> <u>PROGRESS WITH TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION THROUGH THE CLACTON LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS AND DOVERCOURT HIGH STREET ACCELERATOR</u> <u>Government Funding Opportunities for Tendring</u> <u>Decisions</u> <u>6 January 2025 Executive Decision - Procurement of specialist for HSA green Spaces funding</u> <u>14 August 2024 Executive Decision - Acceptance of Green Spaces funding</u>	authority from the respective Cabinet Members to progress. To deliver the wider green spaces scheme identified in this project, a full tender exercise took place to secure a contractor. On the 27 August 2025 one tender submission was received from Ryebidge Construction Limited and on 10 September 2025 a Consensus Meeting took place to score the submitted tender with a second Consensus Meeting taking place on 15 October 2025 looking at cost and social value. This tender scored sufficiently to be awarded the contract but required a Value for Money Report. Cost consultants, Playle & Partners, were commissioned on 1 October 2025 to provide a Value for Money report which the Council received on 5 November 2025 and which recommended that: Overall, based on the information we have been provided, we deem that the Works Schedule submitted by Ryebridge Construction Ltd (RCL) with a proposed Contract Sum of £296,151.63 appears to be				
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		<u>High Street Accelerator Green Spaces Scheme - Consultancy appointments for construction</u> <u>HSA Procurement and Contract with Esign Visuals Communication</u> <u>High Street Accelerator Pilot</u> <u>High Street Accelerator Pilot Scheme Update and Year 2</u>	justified and well aligned with the projects objectives and expected outcomes and provides Tendring District Council with a value for money return. The original deadline for committing these funds was March 31 2025, this was then extended to June 30, 2025 but flexibility on the timeline has now been granted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Early August 2025, correspondence was sent to MHCLG stating the challenges to spending the funding by the deadline and a reply was received on 15th August 2025 to confirm they are happy for the projects to continue and on the 28th August 2025 a further response was received: <i>'Many thanks for your patience and sending through your procurement plans to allocate the remaining programme spend.</i> <i>I am pleased to confirm that we are happy for you to commit the rest of the funding as long as the work represents value for money and the funding is</i>				
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			<i>defrayed in this financial year (ideally this calendar year).'</i>				
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URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to “Agreement to Decision” below):-

GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES? (Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee?	YES/NO
SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee’s consent been obtained?	YES/NO
EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee’s consent been obtained?	YES/NO
URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, why is it not practical to convene a quorate meeting of full Council?	
		If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee’s consent been obtained?	YES/NO

AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-

Signed:- Leader of the Council Deputy Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Leisure	Date:-	Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):- Part 3.34 (inward investment) Part 3.38 number 3 (approval of grants to organisations)
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