

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	14 th January 2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Deputy Chief Executive & Corporate Director, Place and Wellbeing
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Record of executive decision – Levelling Up Fund and Capital Regeneration Projects – Approach to Procurement. Decision dated 1 st August 2025 by Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism: <i>c) notes the Deputy Chief Executive will undertake due diligence, in consultation with the Council's Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, to select the route to market and the Building Contract</i>
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To not proceed with an award of contract and for the Council to exercise its right to withdraw the tenders for the Local Regeneration Fund projects including: - Carnarvon Terrace - Milton Road & Victoria Street
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	The tender exercises returned only single bids for each scheme, which exceed the available budget. Ending the current procurement will allow the Council to review and develop a revised strategy to ensure value for money and deliverability within funding constraints.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Not proceeding with the award of contract will cause short-term delay to the programme; however, the consultant team is reviewing the overall programme to maintain compliance with Government funding timelines. While not appointing

	contractors now and going back out to the market could risk cost inflation, the opportunity for a revised procurement approach is expected to return more tenders and so offer / demonstrate better value for money. The Council is further strengthening the project management capacity of the team delivering these two projects to deliver a revised procurement and programme approach.	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Accepting or negotiating on the current bids was rejected as they exceed budget and do not demonstrate value for money.	
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	N/A	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	☒	Not applicable – Decision to be published
	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
	☐	The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
	☐	The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
	☐	• Relates to an individual
	☐	• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
	☐	• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
	☐	• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
☐	• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment	
☐	• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime	

	<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons: [insert]
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Officers

Signed: *Lee Helary* Deputy Chief Executive & Corporate Director Place & Wellbeing

Consulted: Richard Barrett: Corporate Director Finance and S151 Officer

Consulted: Lisa Hastings: Title: Corporate Director (Law & Governance)

In consultation with: Cllr Ivan Henderson: Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism