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:	27/10/2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Place & Wellbeing / or Corporate Director Operations and Delivery.
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39). 4.4.1(1) All Corporate Directors have the authority to incur expenditure (with the exception of external legal resources) in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework, Financial Procedure Rules and Procurement Procedure Rules Cabinet, 20th December 2024 (Minute 99 refers) - link
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr Ivan Henderson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Tourism Supporting Portfolio Holder
Ward Member(s) consulted?	Yes
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To approve the appointment of **Spectrum acoustic Consultants** to undertake a Noise Impact Assessment for the Ten_06 Enterprise Centre project, at a total cost of **£2,550.00**. The Noise Impact Assessment will provide the technical evidence required to assess the impact of the proposed

	development on neighbouring properties and to support the submission and determination of the associated planning application.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	A Noise Impact Assessment is required to support the planning application for the Ten_06 Enterprise Centre project and to ensure that the proposal complies with relevant planning policy and environmental requirements. The assessment will identify existing noise conditions, assess the potential impact of the proposed development, and recommend any necessary mitigation measures. The findings will inform the design and planning process and help reduce the risk of planning delays or additional requirements at a later stage. The appointment represents value for money and will assist in progressing the project in accordance with the agreed programme and funding requirements.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	**Funding** Funding has been secured for the Ten_06 Enterprise Centre project and provision has been made within the approved project budget for professional consultancy services. The cost of £2,550.00 represents value for money and is necessary to support the planning application process. **Legal** The appointment will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules and Financial Procedure Rules. The commission will be subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions or an appropriate consultancy agreement. **Equality** No adverse equality impacts have been identified. Any equality implications associated with the wider project will continue to be considered through the planning and design process.
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation	The commission is a short-term consultancy appointment and is expected to conclude prior to the implementation of Local

and/or Devolution considerations	Government Reorganisation proposals. The assessment will support the development of a Council-owned asset and provide information that will remain beneficial to any future authority responsible for the asset.	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	**Option 1: Do Nothing** This option was rejected as the planning application would proceed without the necessary technical evidence, increasing the risk of delays, requests for further information, or potential refusal. **Option 2: Commission a Noise Impact Assessment (Preferred Option)** This option was selected as it provides the evidence required to support the planning application, helps identify any necessary mitigation measures at an early stage, and reduces planning risk.	
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:**	Not applicable	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: *Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,* ***and*** *Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest*		Not applicable – Decision [and report] 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

test (which is in favour of disclosure).		• 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
	And 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]	

Officers

Signed: Title: Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Place & Wellbeing

In consultation with:

Signed: **Portfolio Holder For Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism**