

REPORT TO COUNCIL ON A CABINET DECISION EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN - Revision to the description of a 2016/17 capital project

Council	Thursday 1 December 2016
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Portfolio Holder	Cllr Derek Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance Services
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	Central Harbour

Executive Summary:

This report has been written to inform Council that the decision made on the 29 September 2016 by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise Services regarding a revision to the description of a 2016/17 capital project was treated as urgent in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules 15 (P), (Q) & (R). This report is for Council's information only.

Recommendation(s):

None – this report is for information only.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	As detailed in the report supporting the decision attached at Annex 2
Legal	There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate	As detailed in the report supporting the decision attached at Annex 2
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	As detailed in the report supporting the decision attached at Annex 2

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15 (Q), any urgent decision, not subject to call-in, shall be reported to the next available meeting of Council, together with the reasons for urgency. This report is for information only.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 On 29 September 2016, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise Services agreed to further revise the berth 4/5 capital project to increase the value of works to berth 3 but not increase the overall value of the allocation to Berth 4/5 and 3 in the 2016/17 Capital Programme.
- 2.2 Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule (Q) the Chairman of Council gave his consent that the making of the decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred for the following reasons:

In August 2016 an Individual Cabinet Member Decision was made to vary the description of a capital project to replace the existing berth 4/5 structure at the Port of Ramsgate. This variation allowed for the inclusion of work to berth 3 at the Port of Ramsgate which is immediately adjacent to berth 4/5. Berth 3 is a double deck roll-on roll-off (Ro-Ro) berth suitable to accommodate large cross channel freight ferries. The berth is 25 years old and currently out of service. It requires some major maintenance and upgrading work to bring back in to service in compliance with current standards.

The value of the proposed work to berth 3 was estimated to inform the decision made in August based upon the most contemporary information at the time and before a full structural survey had been completed. The full scope of the project is now known and the estimated value has increased significantly. The actual cost of the work required to fulfil the project brief will be approximately £664k and therefore higher than the £385k originally estimated in August. A new record of Individual Cabinet Member Decision is therefore required to further revise the description of the existing 2016/17 capital project.

The programme for delivery of this project is very tight. This is because the work which consists of structural steelwork repairs, hydraulic repairs and electrical work must be completed by mid-December to avoid the main part of the winter period. It is essential that the project is completed before next spring to ensure that the berth is operational in readiness for new cross channel ferry opportunities from Ramsgate. This will mean a start on site next week or the week after at the latest. A tender has been received and evaluated but the award process will take several days to complete assuming approval is gained to further alter the capital project.

- 2.3 The published Individual Cabinet Member decision notice is attached at Annex 1 to this report and the report supporting that decision is attached at Annex 2 to this report.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Individual Cabinet Member decision notice
Annex 2	Report supporting the Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matthew Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
Legal	Timothy Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer