

# Department For Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Externally Funded Projects Approvals - Procurement

<b>Overview and Scrutiny Panel</b>	12 March, 2024
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<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Everitt, Leader of the Council
<b>Status</b>	For Information
<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Ward:</b>	Central Harbour and Cliftonville West

## Executive Summary:

This report invites members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel to review the Cabinet report for 14 March 2024 that requests approval for procurements above the £250,000 key decision requirement to support the delivery of some of the council's capital regeneration projects.

In order to deliver projects within the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) capital regeneration programmes there will be a number of approvals required as part of the council's constitution and our key decision making process.

The services required are for Project Management including the remaining design, construction and handover phases; Design Teams; specialist Ro-Ro berth surveys; and cost consultant services.

## Recommendation(s):

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel are invited to review and scrutinise this report on the procurement approvals required for delivering the Department For Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Funded Project, being considered by Cabinet on 14 March 2024 (Annex 1), making any agreed recommendations for consideration at a future meeting of Cabinet.

## Corporate Implications

### Financial and Value for Money

There are no financial or value for money implications arising specifically from this report. The report to Cabinet on 25 January 2024 sets out the relevant financial and value for money implications.

## **Legal**

This report is for information and as such there are no legal implications arising. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Panel may make recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.

## **Risk Management**

There are no risk management implications arising specifically from this report. The report to Cabinet on 14 March 2024 considers risk management.

## **Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty**

There are no equalities implications arising specifically from this report. The report to Cabinet on 14 March 2024 considers the Equality Duty.

## **Corporate Priorities**

The Cabinet report on 14 March 2024 relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Priority four: To create a thriving place

## **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 As part of the delivery of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities capital regeneration programmes there will be a number of approvals required as part of the council's constitution and our key decision making process. The Cabinet report in Annex 1 requests approval for the procurement of services required for the next stages of delivery of schemes that are part of the Simplification Pathfinder Pilot.

1.2 The Cabinet report sets out the procurements that require approval as:

- Project Management
- Ro-Ro Berth Survey
- Cost Consultant
- Full design teams specifically those that may be over £250,000 threshold (Port Infrastructure and Green Campus).

## **2.0 Activities Requiring a Key Decision**

2.1 Project Management - Remaining Design, Construction and Handover Phases

Approval is sought for the procurement of the external Project Management support services required for the next stages of delivery of schemes that are part of the Simplification Pathfinder Pilot.

2.2 Ro-Ro Berth Survey - (Port Infrastructure)

The Port Infrastructure project focuses upon the reintroduction of scheduled Ro-Ro ferry services from Ramsgate. A report to Cabinet on 25 January 2024 provides a

detailed update on the Ramsgate Regeneration programme, including the port infrastructure project.

The survey will inform the design work and will also provide us with a contemporary cost estimate for the construction works. The critical path of the programme for the port infrastructure project runs through the berth survey work and the cost estimate output will inform the separate port concession procurement exercise.

### 2.3 Cost Consultant - Technical Design, Construction and Handover Phases

Approval is sought for the procurement of the external Cost Management support services required for the next stages of delivery of schemes that are part of the Simplification Pathfinder Pilot.

### 2.4 Engagement of full design teams for the remainder of the design and delivery period

A number of the current appointments for design teams across the Levelling Up Funded schemes will come to an end following submission of Planning Applications. Design teams for the schemes will subsequently need to be appointed to carry out the remaining design stages or design technical assurance role, dependent on the procurement route agreed for the main contractor.

It is anticipated that due to the larger value of the capital projects of the Green Campus and Port Infrastructure, the design team appointments may be over £250,000

## 3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel are invited to review and scrutinise the Cabinet report in Annex 1 to be received by Cabinet on 14 March 2024, making any agreed recommendations for consideration at a future meeting of Cabinet.

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### Annex List

Annex 1: Department For Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Externally Funded Projects Approvals - Procurement Cabinet report for meeting on 14 March, 2024

### Background Papers

*none*

### Corporate Consultation

**Finance:** Chris Blundell (Director of Corporate Services - Section 151)

**Legal:** Ingrid Brown (Head of Legal and Democracy & Monitoring Officer)