

Executive decision taken by Leader/Cabinet portfolio holder



Pro-forma for completion in respect of executive decisions taken by Leader of the Council or by an individual Cabinet portfolio holder.

Decision taken by:

Councillor Zoe Nicholson, Leader of the Council, following consultation with other Cabinet members.

Date of decision:

2 April 2020

Subject of report:

North Street Quarter (NSQ) - scheme delivery

Exempt matter (if any as given under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972):

Appendices 1 and 2 to the report contain exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 - information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Key decision?:

Yes

Open summary of decision made:

- (1) To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Services, to enter into an Exclusivity (Lockout) Agreement with NSQL's preferred Developer.
- (2) To delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Services, to enter into the necessary legal agreements to acquire third party land and interests at the NSQ, on the terms set out in Appendix 1.
- (3) To confirm the Council's minimum requirements in respect of any redevelopment of

the NSQ site.

Reason(s) for decision:

To progress redevelopment of the strategically significant North Street Quarter (NSQ) site in Lewes.

The land in third party ownership forms part of the NSQ development site and is required to deliver the permitted scheme.

To ensure that, should the appointed Developer wish to change the permitted scheme, the Council's minimum requirements from the development (set out in Appendix 2) are fully protected.

Alternative options considered:

None

Was an executive councillor(s) consulted before decision was taken? If so, what was the result of this consultation?

Members of the Cabinet who were available (Councillors MacCleary, Bird, Collier, Meyer, O'Brien and O'Keeffe) met via video conference on 26 March 2020 to discuss the proposals set out in the Officer's report, and were supportive of the recommendations in the report.

The Director of Regeneration and Planning set the context for the officer recommendations in the report by explaining that officers are asking members to agree a period of lockout to allow us to carry out negotiations with North Street Quarter Limited's preferred bidder.

Does the proposal involve any unplanned expenditure? If so, please confirm that you have consulted with the Chief Finance officer and include the date of consultation

No

Signed:

Cllr Zoe Nicholson

Leader of the Council