

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Policy and Performance Advisory Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>27 January 2022</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Levelling Up Fund</b>
<b>Exemption:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Robert Cottrill, Chief Executive</b>
<b>Ward(s):</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Purpose of Cabinet report:</b>	<b>To provide an update on the successful bid for Levelling Up Funding and to secure the necessary delegations to enable the programme of works to commence.</b>
<b>Officer recommendations to the Cabinet:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) To note the successful bid to the Levelling Up Fund, which has secured £12,686,307 towards the regeneration of Newhaven.</b></li> <li><b>2) To approve an allocation of up to £12.7m in the General Fund Capital Programme, to be financed in full by the grant funding secured as per the recommendation above.</b></li> <li><b>3) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Planning to enter into the Funding Agreement that will set out the commercial terms associated with the grant award, including use, access, and ongoing monitoring.</b></li> <li><b>4) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Lead Member for Finance and Assets and the Lead Member for Regeneration and Prosperity, to carry out all necessary actions to facilitate the recommendations and deliver the programme of works including entry into appropriate legal agreements with delivery partners, feasibility, financing, appointment of professional services, development, contract award(s), lettings, and determining the terms of, and authorising the execution of, all necessary documentation, in accordance with the funding parameters.</b></li> <li><b>5) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Lead Member for Finance and Assets and the Lead Member for Regeneration and Prosperity to take all necessary steps to conclude the acquisition of Unit 7, Oak Estate, Newhaven.</b></li> </ol>

**Recommendations to the Committee**    **The recommendations are detailed at 1.3 of this report**

**Reasons for recommendations to the Committee:**    **To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.**

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## **1        Introduction**

- 1.1        In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.
- 1.2        The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.
- 1.3        Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:
- 1)        To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
  - 2)        To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
  - 3)        To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.
- 1.4        The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

## **2        Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers**

- 2.1        All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

## **3        Appendix to the Cabinet report – none.**