

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

7 MARCH 2023

Title:
REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Liz Townsend

Head of Service: Gilian Macinnes, Executive Head of Planning Development

Key decision: No

Access: Part exempt

Note pursuant to Section 100B(5) of the Local Government Act 1972

Annexe 1 to this report contains exempt information by virtue of which the public is likely to be excluded during the item to which the report relates, as specified in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely:

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

1. Purpose and summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a supplementary estimate to cover the costs associated with various pending and upcoming appeals and to further fund legislation required advertising costs. The report sets out that the Service does not have sufficient budget to meet the costs being claimed.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves a supplementary estimate totalling £97,990 for the following costs:
- £15,000 for planning application advertising fee overspend (statutory requirement) and
 - £82,990 for pending and forthcoming appeals costs.

3. Reason for the recommendation

- 3.1 Whilst the Planning Service budget includes sums for legal expenses, it does not have sufficient funds to meet the costs as shown above. It is therefore necessary to seek a supplementary estimate to pay the above amounts suggested.

4. Relationship to the Corporate Strategy and Service Plan

4.1 The Corporate Strategy supports place shaping and local engagement in planning policy. The Service Plan refers to determining planning applications in accordance with the Development Plan. In refusing planning permission for the development, the Council considered that it was acting in accordance with these points.

5. Implications of decision

5.1 Resource (Finance, procurement, staffing, IT)

The additional cost will be funded partly by a release of a planning reserve that is no longer required, this is £62,800 and £35,190 from general fund savings.

5.2 Risk management

No issues identified

5.3 Legal

The legal implications are set out in the report.

5.4 Equality, diversity and inclusion

There are no direct equality, diversity or inclusion implications in this report. Equality impact assessments are carried out when necessary across the council to ensure service delivery meets the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010.

5.5 Climate emergency declaration

There are no relevant issues arising from this report.

6. Consultation and engagement

6.1 There are no comments from committees or other consultees.

7. Other options considered

7.1 The officers have not identified any other options for dealing with this matter.

8. Governance journey

8.1 This decision will be made by the Executive.

Background Papers

There are no background papers, as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972).

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