

Officer Decision Record

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Decision of Susan Sale : Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services– 30 January 2024

To approve the final form of any legal agreements associated with the new build project at Aarons Hill, Godalming

Record of Decision: At the Executive meeting dated 05/09/2023 it was resolved that the council give delegated authority to the Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve the final form of any legal agreements

Decision made by:

Susan Sale – Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Source of delegation: Officer scheme of delegation / express delegation

Minutes of Executive 5 September 2023

EXE 44/23 NEW BUILD HOUSING DELIVERY - AARONS HILL, GODALMING

(Agenda item 9)

Give delegated authority to the Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve the final form of any legal agreements.

The Executive RESOLVED to:

- I. Give delegated authority to the Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve the final form of any legal agreements and to Strategic Director (Place) to enter into the JCT Contract with the preferred contractor.
- II. Give delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Place) to approve pre contract agreements with the preferred contractor to enable the development of the project and authorise spend in accordance with the budget.
- III. Give delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Place) to enter into any related contractual documentation (including collateral warranties or agreements) relating to the project.
- IV. Give delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Place) to enter into any ancillary agreements related to the project provided that these are within the project budget.
- V. Give delegated authority to the Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve and enter into a Grant Agreement with Homes England for the provision of Rough Sleeper Accommodation and delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Place to administer the grant.

- VI. Approve of the allocation of an additional £80k budget to be met through a combination of capital receipts and borrowing.

Council Meeting Dated 17 October - received and noted Approved Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 5 September 2023

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Summary: At the Executive meeting dated 05/09/2023 it was resolved that the council give delegated authority to the Executive Head of Legal and Democratic Services to approve the final form of any legal agreements

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Conflict of Interest:

None

Key Decision?: YES

Reason For Decision:

Reasons

1. The Executive and Full Council have previously approved the Business Case for this site and the recommended authority is required to enter into the contract with a build contractor and approve additional budget to facilitate delivery of the new homes on this site through a JCT Design and Build Contract. Through delivery of the project there may be a requirement to enter into project related contractual documents or ancillary agreements.
2. The Waverley Corporate Strategy 2020-2025 sets out the Vision and Strategic Priorities for the Council. One of the strategic priorities is to 'provide good quality housing for all income levels.'
3. Build More, Build Better, Build for Life Affordable Homes Delivery Strategy 2022 – 2025 sets out the Council's commitment to build homes to buy or rent for households from all income levels. The strategy has been supported by evidence studies including the Waverley Housing Affordability Study 2021.
4. Delivery of 4 homes at Godalming including two to provide rough sleeper accommodation which will be grant funded in part by Homes England.
5. The Executive and Full Council have previously approved the Business Case for this site and the recommended authority is required to enter into the contract with a build contractor and approve additional budget to facilitate delivery of the new homes on this site through a JCT Design and Build Contract. Through delivery of the project there may be a requirement to enter into project related contractual documents or ancillary agreements.

6. The Waverley Corporate Strategy 2020-2025 sets out the Vision and Strategic Priorities for the Council. One of the strategic priorities is to 'provide good quality housing for all income levels.'
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Exempt/Open: Part Exempt – Open report/ Exempt Annex.

Alternative Options Considered:

16.0 Summary of Options

16.1 The options were proposed within the business case and covering report presented to members at Executive in November and Full Council in December 2022.

Other Matters Considered:

Legal Implications	✓	Financial Implications	✓
Climate Change /Sustainability Implications	✓	Equality and Diversity Implications	✓
Community Safety Issues	N/A	Human Resource Implications	✓
Key Risks	✓	Other	✓

Background Papers:

- Executive Meeting 05/09/2023 Report Agenda Item 9 Housing Delivery (Public Pack) Agenda Document for Executive, 05/09/2023 18:00 (waverley.gov.uk)
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Call-in	N/A
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Signed:



Date: ^{06/02}~~05/01~~/2024

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If you have any questions about this decision please email committees@waverley.gov.uk