

Record of Decision taken by Executive Councillor

Decision title: Key decision to enter in to contract for the refurbishment of the Crescent Car Park, Taunton.

Executive Councillor making the decision: Executive Councillor Mike Rigby

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Date of Decision: 06/12/2022

Details of decision: Refurbishment of the Crescent Carpark

That permission is granted for the Deputy Chief Executive and Director Place and Climate Change to enter contract with the preferred contractor to refurbish the Crescent car park, Taunton.

A competitively tendered schedules of work has resulted in a preferred contractor being identified and contract sum that is within the allocated budget agreed in February 2022. The contract sum is £1,090,968. The governance arrangements require an Executive Decision, which may be taken by a Portfolio Holder, to determine the key decision when awarding a contract of this size.

Reasons for proposed decision:

The Crescent car park in Taunton needs major refurbishment and upgrading to make it a parking option of choice for people coming into town for shopping and social activities and is a step towards achieving our Garden Town ambitions.

The refurbishment will benefit our economy and the environment by making it a gateway car park for the town centre with the provision of electric vehicle charging points to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles in line with our commitment towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. The refurbishment will increase the proportion of accessible parking spaces raising it to 7.5%; it will provide a cycle shelter to encourage the uptake of sustainable transport and healthy lifestyles.

A decision by the Full Council in February 2022 provided the Crescent car park refurbishment project a total budget of £1,546,800. This budget was for the refurbishment of the Crescent Carpark, delivery of new car ticket machines across West Somerset and essential maintenance. After the car park ticket machine replacement, essential maintenance and design fees for the Crescent car park have been considered there remains £1,396,210 available for the refurbishment.

The project has been competitively tendered, and a preferred contractor identified. The contractor has passed a credit test.

Alternative funding options sourced:

Not Applicable. Within agreed SWT budget allocation for capital project.

The below has been completed:	Name(s)	Date
Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted	Richard Lees Simon Coles	NOV 22

The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.		
Finance implications	Yes	
Unitary Council and S24 Direction Implications (Contracts and Land Disposals)	No	
Legal implications	YES	
Links to corporate aims	YES	
Climate and Sustainability implications	YES	
Community Safety Implications	YES	
Equalities Impact	YES	
Safeguarding Implications	NO	
Risk management	NO	
Partnership implications	YES	

Any conflicts of interest declared by Leader or Executive Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Chief Executive to grant dispensation for the Leader's / Executive Member's views to be considered.
No

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:



Name: Cllr Mike Rigby (PFH Executive Member for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation)

Date: 06/12/2022

Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by Executive Councillors. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication and the period for any call-in has expired.

Finance / Resource Implications

The proposed contract for works falls within the current approved budget total for Car Park Improvements within the Council's General Fund Capital Programme. There is no requirement to increase the budget as a result of this decision. The Council will undertake contract management, project delivery oversight, and budget management through existing staff therefore successful delivery requires capacity to be maintained throughout.

Unitary Council Financial Implications and S24 Direction Implications

The decision to enter contract falls within the Council's approved budget as at February 2022, and as such is covered by the General Consent as approved by the Somerset County Council Executive on 15 June 2022, allowing the District Council to enter such contract in compliance with the S24 Direction issued by Government in May 2022.

Legal Implications

We have followed legally compliant procurement process.

Corporate Aims

Shape and protect our built and natural environment.

A low-carbon, clean, green and prosperous district that attracts high quality employment opportunities and encourages healthy lifestyle.

Work towards making our District carbon neutral by 2030 - deliver projects based on a Carbon Neutrality and Climate Resilience Plan that work toward this goal (for example installing electric vehicle charging points across the District.

Provide and maintain green open spaces and parks, enhanced public spaces, as well as additional opportunities to safely walk or cycle in order to encourage active and healthy lifestyles.

Climate and Sustainability implications

The refurbishment will deliver 19 electric vehicle charging spaces which will be the catalyst to encourage great use of non-fossil fuel transport. The delivery includes cycle storage to encourage people to be more active and use sustainable transport options.

Equalities Impact

The delivery of this project will see an increase in accessible parking spaces within the carpark raising levels to 7.5% of overall parking spaces which in excess of minimum targets of 6%.

Climate, Ecology and Sustainability Implications

The proposals recommended within this report will assist the council deliver against its Declaration of a Climate Emergency in February 2019 and an Ecological Emergency in September 2020. It will provide the opportunity to make a step change in the provision of electric vehicle charge points within the South West Region. The provision of electric vehicle charging points will foster public enthusiasm and confidence to make the transition to electric

vehicles. This will contribute significantly to the councils plans to reduce carbon out puts by 2030 and generate a cleaner air within Taunton and the surrounding areas.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The refurbished car park will deliver an increase in accessible parking spaces which will assist and encourage those with mobility and other conditions to enter and use the town centre.

Partnership

The refurbishment will enable the continuence of the CCTV partnership activities.