

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Acquisition of the Co-op premises in North Shields to facilitate a new Transport Interchange as part of the North Shields Masterplan

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Paul Hanson, Chief Executive

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None.

4. Executive summary

On 25th January 2021, Cabinet approved the Masterplan for the Regeneration of North Shields.

At the meeting, Cabinet granted delegated authority to various officers to progress the delivery of the Masterplan including the acquisition of property interests for those projects identified within the Masterplan. It is accepted that delegated authority should rest and be exercised by the Chief Executive as the single named officer of the Authority in consultation with the other named officers and members.

This report seeks delegated approval for the acquisition and demolition of the Co-op premises at Bedford Street, North Shields to enable development of the new Transport Interchange.

5. Alternative Options considered

As set out in the 25th January 2021 Cabinet report, the Co-op site is required for the Authority's Transport Interchange and is on the open market. The Cabinet report provides detailed justification that this acquisition avoids a more costly and time-consuming route of compulsory purchase which would jeopardise the viability of the Transport Interchange.

6. Decision(s)

In accordance with the delegation provided by the Cabinet Report of 25th January 2021, it is recommended that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Resources, the Director of Regeneration, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources is authorised to:

- (1) Complete the acquisition of the property as detailed in this report in accordance with the Authority's financial regulations and applicable legislation;
- (2) Agree minor amendments to the final terms and conditions of acquisition as considered appropriate;
- (3) Deal with all ancillary matters arising that are consistent with the preceding recommendations;
- (4) Proceed with the demolition of the Co-op in accordance with the associated delegated decision published on 23rd April 2021 with the appointed Construction Partner responsible for demolition and the subsequent development of the Transport Interchange.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

As set out in the 25th January 2021 Cabinet report, the Co-op site is required for the Authority's Transport Interchange and is on the open market. The Cabinet report provides detailed justification that this acquisition avoids a more costly and time-consuming route of compulsory purchase which would jeopardise the viability of the Transport Interchange. The acquisition is also a Special Interest Purchase in that the Interchange is only possible on this specific piece of land owing to its adjacency with the Metro Station.

8. Date Decision Made

5 August 2021

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period will expire at 5.00pm on Friday 13 August 2021

10. Date of Publication

6 August 2021

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on Friday 13 August 2021