



## **21.EC.70 Bengal Street Feasibility Update**

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Member (Economic Development and Public Service Reform), presented the confidential report of the Director of Commercial Services which updates Members as to the progress of the potential development of the Bengal Street site.

### **Decision:**

- 1. To acknowledge that a commitment to spend the awarded Brownfield Land Release funds needs to be made by the end of March 2022, therefore a report will be taken to Council on 25 January 2022 to approve these funds.**
- 2. To acknowledge that the masterplan options and financial modelling for the development of the Bengal Street and National Grid sites are being updated. A report presenting the options will be taken to Informal Cabinet on 10 January 2022 and Executive Cabinet on 20 January 2022.**

### **Reasons for recommendation(s):**

1. To mitigate risk regards to Brownfield Land Release Funding.
2. To progress and bring forward the Bengal Street site for development.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not applicable.

## **21.EC.71 Approval for the Contract Award Procedure and Evaluation Criteria for ICT Hardware and Software**

Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the confidential report of the Director of Customer and Digital which informs Members of the proposed shared procurement for ICT hardware, software and support and seeks agreement to the sharing of costs and assessment criteria.

### **Decision:**

- 1. To approve the contract award procedure for a number of joint procurements with South Ribble Council outlined at Appendix 1 for software, hardware and support services.**
- 2. To approve carrying out appropriate tender exercises via the councils' e-procurement portal (The Chest) or alternatively the use of existing procurement frameworks such as Crown Commercial Services or similar.**
- 3. To approve the evaluation criteria of 80% cost and 20% quality.**
- 4. To waive the requirement to use the Social Value Portal.**
- 5. That the decision to award is delegated to the Executive Member of Resources.**

### **Reasons for recommendation(s):**

By jointly procuring these contracts it ensures alignment of software and hardware across both Authorities supporting Shared Services.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Each Council could procure software independently, but this would make it very difficult to align software or services in future.

Chair

Date