

**Exempt from publication under para (3) of Schedule 12A of the LGA 1972.**

**EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWER (URGENT DECISION)**

**Title: Demolition of Former High Spen Excelsior Club**

**Parties: Gateshead Council (Employer), MGL Demolition (Contractor)**

**Value: Contract sum; £270,320.00p.**

**Gateshead Council Constitution (16<sup>th</sup> edition – January 2022)**

**Part 2 General Delegations to Managers 4(e)** where it is impracticable to obtain authorisation from the body exercising the function and subject to action being reported (for information) to the next convenient meeting of that body, take necessary urgent action, within legal powers, in respect of matters otherwise reserved to Cabinet.

Contract Procedure Rules 3.1 requires contract awards over £250k to be approved by Cabinet.

Although the former High Spen Excelsior Club, located on Pawston Road, NE39 2EN, is not owned by Gateshead Council, a decision and notice under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 made under delegated powers dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 was granted by Gateshead Council to the Service Director for Development, Transport & Public Protection to demolish the structure (Part 3, Schedule 2, Part 1, Service Director Development & Public Protection (1) (a) (23) of the Constitution <1<sup>st</sup> Edition, May 2019>).

Following the satisfactory completion of a process of competitive tender, under the NEPO Framework for Demolition and Asbestos, Gateshead Council (the Employer) are now in a position to appoint and enter into a legal contract with MGL Demolition Limited (company number 01051184, of Davison House Rennys Lane, Dragonville Ind Estate, Durham, DH1 2RS (the Contractor), in the role of Principal Designer and Principal Contractor to undertake the works.

The building is in a worsening state of dilapidation and occupies a prominent position on the public highway at the junction between Pawston Road and Rogues Lane, and as such Gateshead Council need to be in contract with MGL Demolition Ltd. in order to urgently mobilise the works.

Due to the timescales, it is considered appropriate to make the decision to award this contract as an urgency, and report to the next available Cabinet as the value of the contract is over £250k.

The Director of Corporate Resources and Digital and the Director of Corporate Services and Governance have been consulted in respect of this urgent decision and have made no adverse comments.



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sandra Watson – Service Director, Property and Assets

24 November 2022

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

