

TITLE OF REPORT: **Decisions taken under Delegated Powers during Summer Recess 2023**

REPORT OF: **Peter Udall, Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth**

Purpose of the Report

1. This report requests Cabinet to note the decisions made under delegated powers during the summer recess 2023.

Background

2. Cabinet on 18 July 2023 (minute no C42) gave authorisation to:
 - a) The Strategic Directors, Economy, Innovation and Growth and Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities and Service Leads, Major Projects and Corporate Property, following consultation with the Strategic Directors, Resources and Digital and Corporate Services and Governance, to be authorised to jointly approve schemes and estimates, and to invite and accept tenders over certain thresholds, during the summer recess following the Cabinet meeting on 18 July 2023 up to the date when Cabinet next meets on 19 September 2023.

Decision Taken

3. Under the delegations agreed above the relevant officers have authorised the transactions contained in the attached schedule at Appendix 2.

Proposal

4. Cabinet is requested to note the decision(s) made under delegated powers.

Recommendations

5. It is recommended that Cabinet notes the decision(s) made under delegated powers as set out in this report:

Policy Context

1. The proposal is consistent with the overall vision for Gateshead as set out in the Thrive Agenda. In particular, invest in our economy to provide opportunities for employment, innovation and growth. The delivery of the capital programme is a fundamental element in the achievement of the Council's policy objectives.

Background

2. Cabinet on 18 July 2023 (minute no C42) gave authorisation to:
 - a. The Strategic Directors, Economy, Innovation and Growth and Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities and Service Leads, Energy, Major Projects and Development, following consultation with the Strategic Directors, Corporate Resources and Digital and Corporate Services and Governance, to be authorised to jointly approve schemes and estimates, and to invite and accept tenders over certain thresholds, during the summer recess following the Cabinet meeting on 18 July 2023 up to the date when Cabinet next meets on 19 September 2023.
4. The above decision has been made to enable projects to progress and to avoid delay in delivery of the capital programme and its related expenditure.
5. Under the delegations agreed above the relevant officers have authorised the transactions contained in the attached schedule at Appendix 2.

Proposal

6. Cabinet is requested to note the decisions made under delegated powers.

Consultation

7. In preparing this report, consultations have taken place with the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Alternative Options

8. There are no alternatives proposed.

Implications of Recommended Option

9. **Resources:**
 - a) **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Resources and Digital confirms that the costs associated with the contracts where the decision has been made under delegated powers form part of approved schemes within the Council's capital programme.

- b) **Human Resources Implications** – There are no human resources implications arising from this report.
 - c) **Property Implications** – There are no property implications arising directly from this report.
10. **Risk Management Implication** – there are no risk management implications arising directly from this report.
 11. **Equality and Diversity Implications** – there are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.
 12. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – there are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.
 13. **Health Implications** – there are no health implications arising from this report.
 14. **Climate Emergency and Sustainability Implications** – there are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.
 15. **Human Rights Implications** – there are no human rights implications arising from this report.
 16. **Ward Implications** - none
 17. **Background Information**

Report to Cabinet - 18 July 2023 (minute no.C42).

APPENDIX 2

Delegations relating to acceptance of tenders, placing orders for works, supplies and services up to a value equivalent to the tendering thresholds specified in the European Procurement Directives during the summer recess in accordance with Cabinet's recommendation:

Contractor	Date Signed	Value (£)	Scope	Start Date	End Date	Ref. (GC Legal)
Global HSE Solutions Ltd	15/08/23	£1,208,798.79p	<p>General Scope To remove and replace inappropriate fire cavity barriers to all EWS affected areas with the approved type specifically for the façade configuration taking into consideration of the building height and occupancy profile.</p> <p>Detailed Scope Carefully remove existing rock panels. Remove all combustible insulation, and breather membrane, stripping down to the existing sheathing board. Leaving Timber Battens in place. Ensure weathertightness and waterproofing of existing sheathing board. Installation of non-combustible insulation behind and between existing timber battens. Installation of correct cavity barriers positioned at Compartment lines (Horizontal and Vertical). Installation of barriers at every return. Reinstatement of Rock Panels.</p>	22/08/23	20/02/24	