

TITLE OF REPORT: Decisions taken under Delegated Powers during Summer Recess 2024

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Purpose of the Report

1. This report requests Cabinet to note the decisions made under delegated powers during the summer recess 2024.

Background

2. Cabinet on 16 July 2024 (minute no C195) gave authorisation to:
 - a) The Interim Strategic Directors, Economy, Innovation and Growth and Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities 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 16 July 2024 up to the date when Cabinet next meets on 17 September 2024.

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.

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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.
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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, Corporate 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. **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** -
 17. **Background Information**

Report to Cabinet - 16 July 2024 (minute no.C195).

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)
Thompsons of Prudhoe Ltd.	27.8.24	£404,044.50p	To enter contract for the demolition of Sir Godfrey Thomson Court, Felling, Gateshead NE10 0BQ. Demolish blocks A – F and garages. Grub up and remove concrete foundation with in-situ concrete floor slab. The site is to be treated with subsoil, topsoil and grass seed. Sir Godfrey Thomson Court, Felling, procured via the NEPO Demolition and Asbestos framework.	TBC	13 weeks	
Dennis Eagle Ltd	9.8.24	£1,357,110.00	Procurement of 6 RCVs as part of the asset replacement programme	Delivery Oct/Nov 24		