

Cherwell District Council

Executive

5 November 2018

<p>Notification of Urgent Action: The Hill Youth and Community Centre, Banbury</p>

Report of Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance

This report is public

Purpose of report

To report the urgent action taken by the Executive Director: Finance and Governance in consultation with the Leader to approve the demolition of The Hill Community Centre, Banbury on 11 July 2018 and the decision to construct a new youth and community centre in its place, the award of the construction contract having been made on 25 September 2018.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the urgent action taken by the Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance to approve the demolition of The Hill Community Centre, Banbury and to construct a new youth and community centre in its place.

2.0 Introduction and Executive Summary

- 2.1 The funding for the demolition of the existing redundant building and the redevelopment of the site was approved in October 2017.
- 2.2 On 11 July 2018 the Executive Director: Finance and Governance in consultation with the Leader approved the demolition of the existing community building at The Hill in order to avoid any slippage in the programme of works associated with the redevelopment of the site.
- 2.3 The Executive Director Finance and Governance in consultation with the Leader also determined the construction of a new youth and community centre in place of the demolished building, and the decision to award the contract for the associated construction works was made on 25 September

2018. The contract was awarded to Edgar Taylor (Buckingham) Ltd for the sum of around £1.1m.

3.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 This report confirms the urgent action taken by the Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance in consultation with the Leader to approve the demolition of The Hill Youth and Community Centre, Banbury on 11 July and the decision to construct a new youth and community centre in its place, the award of the construction contract having been made on 25 September 2018.

4.0 Consultation

In accordance with the urgent action powers the Interim Executive Director Finance and Governance consulted with the Leader and Assistant Director: Law and Governance.

5.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 5.1 None as this is an information report for Executive to note.

6.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 6.1 Both projects are within the budgets allocated for the demolition and redevelopment of The Hill.

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6.2. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report as it is reporting urgent action already taken.

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6.3 Risk Implications

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report as it is reporting urgent action already taken.

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7.0 Decision Information

Key Decision

Financial Threshold Met: No

Community Impact Threshold Met: No

Wards Affected

Banbury Ruscote and Neithrop

Lead Councillor

Councillor Lynn Pratt, Lead Member for Economy, Regeneration and Property

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
n/a	none
Background Papers	
None	
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