

At a meeting of the Executive held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Wednesday 24 January 2018 at 9.00 am

Members

Councillor Alan Smith (Chair)
Councillor Barbara Cannon
Councillor Konrad Hansen
Councillor William Jefferson

Councillor Mark Fryer (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Joan Ellis
Councillor Michael Heaslip

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes

Staff Present

B Carlin, D Devine, A FitzGerald, I Frost, A Gilbert, N Hardy, C Holmes, K Kerrigan, C Nicholson, A Seekings, E Thompson, L Tomlinson and P Wood

310. Minutes of meeting Wednesday 8 November 2017 of Executive

The minutes were signed as a correct record.

311. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

312. Questions

None received.

313. Members' Announcements

None received.

314. Q2 Performance Report 2017/18

The subject of the decision

The Senior Policy and Performance Officer submitted a report which sought to advise Members on the Council's performance at the end of quarter 2 2017/18 as measured by projects/activities and Key Performance Indicators set out in the Corporate Business Plan 2017/18.

The Council was on track with 57 of its 71 key projects/activities, 4 were complete, 10 had concerns over achieving their deadlines or outputs and 0 had significant concerns.

There were 52 Key Performance Indicators. 30 of those were on target, 8 were worse than target and 9 were significantly worse than target. 5 were not targeted.

Councillor A Smith moved that the report be noted. This was seconded by Councillor M Fryer. The motion was unanimously agreed.

Alternative options considered

None

The reason for the decision

To advise Members of the Council's performance at the end of quarter 2 2017/18

The decision

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

315. Reedlands Business Park - ERDF/Delivery of the project

The subject of the decision

The Head of Place Development submitted a report which sought the Executive to approve a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant offer of £1.5m to develop 23,500 sq ft (2,183 sq m) of industrial workshops at Reedlands Business Park, Clay Flatts in Workington and to note the novation of a designer and external project manager for the £2.5m development scheme.

The Executive had previously agreed the appointment of Pick Everard, who had completed the first phase of the design work to RIBA 3 specification which allowed the full application to be submitted and resulted in the current offer of the grant.

Members noted there would be a significant impact on the Council's budget through the commitment to £1m match funding for the development. This funding requirement had already been approved as part of the Council's revised budget.

Councillor M Fryer moved the recommendations set out in the report. This was seconded by Councillor A Smith. The recommendations were unanimously agreed.

Alternative options considered

1. Decline the offer of grant and not proceed with the scheme.
2. Accept the offer of grant and proceed with delivery of the scheme.

The reason for the decision

The Council had received a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant offer of £1.5m to develop 23,500 sq ft (2,183 sq m) of industrial workshops at Reedlands Business Park, Clay Flatts in Workington.

By accepting the grant offer the Council would have to commit to constructing the £2.5m development scheme, which meant committing to the £1m match funding required as the award of the grant covered 60% of the total development cost.

Under the terms of the appointment of Pick Everard, by using the Scape Framework, the council had the ability to novate Pick Everard as designers and project managers for the scheme.

The decision

Resolved:

That:

1. The £1.5m offer of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant funding from DCLG/Europe be accepted.
2. The match funding requirement of £1m, which had already been approved as part of the revised budget be confirmed.
3. The novation of Pick Everard as designer and external project manager for the scheme allowable under the Scape Framework be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.23 am