

MINUTE EXTRACT

ECONOMY REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

8 MARCH 2023

FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND PROGRAMME – EUROPA RESIDENTIAL PHASE 1, BIRKENHEAD

The Birkenhead Portfolio Regeneration Lead introduced the report of the Director of Regeneration and Place which set out the activities undertaken to develop one element of the Birkenhead Future High Street programme, namely the Europa Residential scheme.

The report noted that the Future High Street Fund (FHSF) was time limited to March 2024 and will support the Council by enabling access to significant funding to support the regeneration of Birkenhead including that of private sector investment.

On a motion by Councillor G Davies and seconded by Councillor P Martin, it was -

Resolved – That

- 1. The current Future High Street Fund Allocation for this project as set out in the exempt Appendix 2 to the report be ring fenced for this purpose.**
- 2. Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to approve that the Director of Regeneration and Place be authorised to:**
 - a. In consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, progress the appointment of a delivery partner for the Europa Residential Phase 1 project further to the ongoing mini-tendering process via the Homes England Housing Delivery Partner Dynamic Purchasing System; and**
 - b. pursue and accept other avenues of funding and proceed to award of contract in the event that a suitably appraised and acceptable bid exceeds the Future High Street Fund allocation for this project.**
- 3. The Director of Law and Governance be authorised to finalise the legal documentation arising out of the implementation of the above recommendations.**