

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Director of Regeneration and Place

KEY DECISION YES

DIRECTORATE: Regeneration and Place

WARDS AFFECTED: Appendix 2 of the report is not for Publication by virtue of by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES SIMPLIFICATION PATHFINDER PILOT INVESTMENT PLAN

1.0 DECISION:

The Director of Regeneration and Place has agreed to:

1. Submit the Simplification Pathfinder Pilot Investment Plan to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on 26 October 2023 as set out in Appendix 1 of this report;
2. Agree the principles of the governance of the Simplification Pilot as set out in paragraph 3.15 of this report; and
3. Agree that the above decisions are not subject to removal of delegation and reconsideration as any delay likely to be caused by the process for removal of delegation and reconsideration would seriously prejudice the Council's interests by given that such process would render the Council unable to comply with DLUHC's deadline for the submission of the Investment Plan.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 To enable the submission of an Investment Plan to secure the Council's participation in the DLUHC Simplification Pilot programme. The benefits of the pilot to the Council over the current, separate funding arrangements are important and bring multiple benefits. These include greater levels of flexibility, reducing the administrative burden of delivering three parallel programmes, as well as extending the completion date for all three funds to 31 March 2026. It will also simplify the change control process and increase the level of local decision making.
- 2.2 The Policy and Resources Committee on 4 October 2023 delegated the decision to the Director of Regeneration and Place in consultation with Group

Leaders. This Officer Decision Notice will be brought back to a future meeting of Policy and Resources Committee for information.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 Not applicable.



Signed:

Officer: David Hughes

Title: Director of Regeneration and Place

Date: 26 October 2023

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

Contact Officer: David Hughes

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: (only applicable to Key Decisions)- Not applicable.