

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PROPERTY & REGENERATION INVESTMENT

KEY DECISION: NO

DIRECTORATE: REGENERATION AND PLACE

WARDS AFFECTED: BIRKENHEAD AND TRANMERE

SUBJECT:

DRAFT INDICATIVE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FORMER HOUSE OF FRASER SITE & PART OF PRINCES PAVEMENT & GRANGE ROAD, BIRKENHEAD

1.0 DECISION:

The Assistant Director Property & Regeneration Investment has approved:

- (1) The draft Indicative Site Development Plan for the former House of Fraser and part of Princes Pavement and Grange Road site, Birkenhead;
- (2) that the Council shall proceed with legal agreements necessary to enable Wirral Growth Company LLP to proceed with the RIBA Stage 1 Design process, soft market testing and review of the soft market testing exercise as part of the proposals set out in the draft indicative Site Development Plan as a pre-requisite to any decision to proceed to RIBA Stage 2 and beyond.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The proposals would enable the implementation of the initial stages of design development as set out in the Wirral Growth Company draft Indicative Site Development Plan attached to this report. The initial phases of work are to complete design to RIBA stage 1 to allow viability and planning assessment to be undertaken together with the proposals being tested with potential funders and development partners. Further papers will be brought to this committee for review and approval of future work stages once this initial phase is completed.

2.2 Appendix 1 of the attached report is exempt from publication pursuant to paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) because it contains or refers to information relating to the financial and business affairs of Muse, Wirral Growth Company and the Council and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 The recommendation is made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. It is 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 None

Signed:



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