



**Resources and Public Realm  
Scrutiny Committee**

9 June 2022

**Report from the Assistant Chief  
Executive**

**Call-In of Officer Key Decision – Authority to award the  
Design & Build Contract for the Morland Gardens  
Development**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Stonebridge
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Key
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Part Exempt - Appendix 2a is exempt as it contains the following category of exempt information as specified in Paragraph 3, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely: "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)"
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	Three: Appendix 1: Call-in form Appendix 2: Officer Key Decision Report – Award of Design & Build contract for Morland Gardens development Appendix 2a: (Exempt) Officer Key Decision Report Appendix 1 (List of Tenderers) Appendix 2b: Officer Key Decision Report Appendix 2 (Tender Evaluation Grid) Appendix 3: Call-in Protocol
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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**1.0 Summary**

1.1 A decision made by the Strategic Director – Regeneration & Environment

on 20 May 2022 in respect of the “*Award of the Design & Build Contract for the Morland Gardens Development*” has been called-in for consideration by the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with Standing Order 14.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That the Committee considers the call-in and agrees to one of the following outcomes:

2.1.1 The Committee does not wish to refer the matter back to the decision maker or to Council, at which point the decision is deemed to be confirmed and takes effect immediately following the meeting; or

2.1.2 The Committee decides to ask the Strategic Director – Regeneration & Environment to reconsider the decision, in light of any observations of the Committee; or

2.1.3 Having had regard to the advice of the Director of Legal and HR Services or Director of Finance, the Committee considers the decision is contrary to the Council’s Budget or Policy Framework, at which point it refers the matter to the next practicable meeting of the Council, subject to the provisions of Standing Orders.

## **3.0 Background**

3.1 The Strategic Director - Regeneration & Environment took a key decision on 20 May 2022 regarding the award of a contract for design & build works to deliver a new education centre, new council homes, affordable workspace, a public facing café, and public realm improvements within the Morland Gardens Scheme. The decision approved was as follows:

3.3.1 To approve, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Planning and Jobs, Economy and Citizens Experience, the award of a two stage design and build contract for the development works at Morland Gardens to Hill Partnership Ltd for a total sum of £37,933,491.

3.2 The award followed initial Cabinet approval for the scheme in January 2020 with the original key decision having been republished to clarify the consultation undertaken with Cabinet Members as a result of Executive appointments made following the local election in May 2022.

3.3 The Key Officer decision has subsequently been called-in by 5 members, with details of the call-in attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.3 The report, on which the called-in decision is based is attached at Appendix 2 to this report.

3.4 The procedure for dealing with the call-in and the conduct of the Scrutiny Committee meeting is attached at Appendix 3 of this report.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this covering report.

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no direct legal implications from this covering report.

#### **6.0 Equality Implications**

6.1 There are no direct equality implications arising from this covering report.

**Report sign off:**

***Shazia Hussain***

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