

NOTIFICATION OF CLOSED BUSINESS FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION BY AN EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING BODY

The required 28 days notice relating to a decision likely to be considered in closed session has not been given on the forward plan in respect of the decision detailed in this document. The matter is considered to be urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred for a further 28 days to enable the required notice to be given. Details of the issue are set out below.

Note: This notice applies to meetings of the cabinet, cabinet committee or community councils considering an executive function.

DECISION MAKER

Name of decision maker: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 21 October 2014

LEAD OFFICER DETAILS

Name and contact details: Adrian Whittle, Head of Culture, Libraries, Learning and Leisure 020 7525 1577

DETAILS OF THE REPORT

Title and brief description of the nature of the business to be considered:

Gateway 2, Contract Award Approval – Refurbishment of the Athletics Facilities at Southwark Athletic Centre

That cabinet agree the award of the contract for the refurbishment of the athletics facilities at Southwark Park.

- *Why the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred i.e. Why it cannot wait a further 28 days or more to enable the required notice to be given?*

The next meeting of the cabinet is not scheduled to meet until 18 November 2014. The project has now been through both the planning and procurement processes and the council are ready to appoint contractors to progress the work. A decision cannot wait until November because of the urgent need to start work as soon as possible to meet the summer 2015 target completion dates

- *What is the potential cost to the council if the decision is delayed?*

There would be no significant cost to the council. However, in order to drive forward the project and to keep the up the positive momentum, it is recommended that a decision is made in October.

- *How long has the department known the decision required a closed report?*

See below.

- *If scheduled on the forward plan, what's changed to make this request necessary i.e. why a closed report is now necessary?*

The decision was listed on the forward plan. However reference to the requirement for a confidential report was not included in error. It will be necessary to prepare a closed report for consideration by cabinet setting out the details of the bids received so as to inform the decision making process.

Everton Roberts
For Proper Constitutional Officer
Dated: 13 October 2014