

**NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN**

**GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE**

<b>DETAILS OF DECISION</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	Directly Funded Housing Delivery (Phase 1B various sites) - Gateway 2 - procurement of professional services consultant for various sites
<b>Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision</b>	To recommend approval to award the professional services for Phase 1B. A key decision is required because the value of professional fees exceeds £500,000.
<b>Decision taker</b>	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Corporate Strategy
<b>Date by which Key Decision must be taken</b>	February 2013
<b>Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan</b>	This Gateway 1 report was on the Forward Plan for a January 2013 decision but missed this deadline, because the time required to properly evaluate tenders was longer than anticipated due to a number of pricing clarifications and the time required by the external regional framework manager, Improvement and Efficiency South East (iESE), to consider tenderers' responses to clarifications.
<b>Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan</b>	The next plan relates to decision for April 2013. The inclusion of the decision in the next Forward Plan would incur further programme slippage. This will have a knock-on effect on the overall delivery timetable for Phase 1B. The date for appointing consultants as soon as possible in February 2013 is essential to meet critical path activities in the delivery programme, in particular, for submitting planning applications by early June 2013, appointment of works contractors by April 2013 and commencement on site for all seven projects in the Phase 1B programme by January 2014. A start on site for all projects in Phase 1B by the delivery deadline of January 2014 will otherwise be missed and much needed new council homes will not be available for occupation on schedule.
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