

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION FOR URGENT IMPLEMENTATION

(Decision either included or not included on the current Forward Plan but needs to be implemented immediately by virtue of the urgency of the actions that need to be undertaken. This decision will not be subject to call-in.)

ORIGINATOR'S DETAILS

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DETAILS OF THE REPORT

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

Gateway 2: Contract award approval, Walworth Library and Southwark Heritage Centre (Design and Build)

The award of contract to Lendlease to deliver the Design and Build for Walworth Library and Southwark Heritage Centre to a value of £3,250,000 (including a 10% works contingency to be held by the client) to commence on 20 December for a period of 2 years through a single supplier procurement.

- *Why has this decision been delayed until now?* The decision was to be made in November 2019, however the officer report required amendment following internal consultation processes which has resulted in a delay in the decision being taken.
- *Why can't the decision be reasonably deferred?* Legal agreements are due to be signed for the lease of the building, following contract award. The Lessor requires receipts from Council to be paid as soon as possible.
- *How long has the department known the decision was to be taken?* Agreement to the proposal for the Walworth Library and Southwark Heritage Centre was approved by cabinet in January 2019. Officers have been developing the project since then.
- *If scheduled on the forward plan for a particular period, what's changed to make it so urgent now?* The decision was due to be taken in November 2019, but has been delayed.
- *Why is it important that this decision is taken now?* The Lessor requires receipts from Council to be paid as soon as possible.
- *What is the potential cost to the council if the decision is delayed?* This contract award is closely linked to the signing of the lease of the property to realise the new Library and Heritage Centre on the Walworth Road. There is a risk that Lendlease will cancel the lease offer and there will not be a suitable alternative premise to deliver the new community facility. There is also potential cost to the ongoing partnership relationship with Lendlease from who the council is leasing the building.

Date decision to be taken on: 19 December 2019

Urgent implementation notice cleared by:	
Chief Officer / Director	Caroline Bruce, Strategic Director of Environment and Leisure
Date	16 December 2019

Declaration

I agree/~~disagree~~* with the Chief Officer/Head of Service that the proposed Decision is reasonable and that it can be treated as a matter of urgency.

Signed...Councillor Ian Wingfield..... Dated...17 December 2019.....

Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee/~~Mayor/Deputy Mayor~~*

* delete as appropriate

Please note reasons for refusal, additional points or further action required (as appropriate)

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