

Record of individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Pieter-Paul Barker Cabinet member for finance and property assets
Key decision?	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	27 September 2024
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Andrew Busby, Head of Development and Corporate Landlord
Officer contact details	Tel: 07849 701778 Email: andrew.busby@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	To award a Joint Contract Tribunal (JCT) consultancy contract, via a Framework established by Pagabo, to engage AtkinsRéalis as the Professional Services Team (PST) for the Project Management and Contract Administration with full multi-disciplinary design and Cost Consultancy services included, to facilitate the proposed decarbonisation works at Didcot Wave Leisure Centre and Park Sports Centre.
Reasons for decision	<p>The council has been awarded a Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) grant for £1,490,475. The grant conditions state £746,237 is to be spent and claimed by 31 March 2025 and £745,238 by 31 March 2026.</p> <p>By expediting the procurement of a PST with the Government-approved Pagabo Framework agreement for Professional Services and with AtkinsRéalis identified as a 'sole supplier'.</p> <p>A competitive process has been carried out by Pagabo for obtaining their approved framework supplier lists for various categories of works.</p> <p>Following completion of the design stages to completion of RIBA Stages 2-3, AtkinsRéalis would manage the competitively tendered JCT Design & Build Main Contract and act as the Employer's Agent for the duration of the projects to achieve the design requirements and comply with the grant conditions.</p>

<p>Alternative options rejected</p>	<p>The properties have limited operational and maintenance information that needs to be established via specialist surveys as quickly as possible in order to progress design and to meet the required deadline.</p> <p>An open tender process would mean a longer procurement process potentially resulting in failure to meet the deadline specified in the grant award (31 March 2025). The impact of this would be the project being abandoned or scaled back to reduce costs unless other sources can be found.</p> <p>AtkinsRéalis are able to meet our timetable also official assessors for Salix and provides consultancy services for decarbonisation schemes for neighbouring authorities.</p>																																																							
<p>Climate and ecological implications</p>	<p>The results of the Climate Impact Assessment Tool have demonstrated this project will make a significant, long-term beneficial impact through helping to decarbonise the Didcot Wave Leisure Centre and Park Sports Centre.</p>																																																							
<p>Legal implications</p>	<p>The PST will be procured under the Pagabo framework in accordance with the council's Procurement procedure rules and their services would be secured using a JCT Consultancy agreement to protect the council's financial interests.</p>																																																							
<p>Financial implications</p>	<p>The tender for the services of an external PST has been returned by AtkinsRéalis at a cost of £380,545 + c£83,000 surveys (total c£463,545).</p> <p>The table below shows the budgets allocated within the South capital programme, the confirmed sources of funding are partly PSDS Grant and part CIL (£203,803 for Didcot Wave and £1,012,081 for Park Leisure Centre). There has also been discussions with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) for them to contribute £476,274 of funding towards the scheme. If this funding is received from OCC the scheme is fully funded, however if this is not received additional CIL monies may need to be requested.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 1469 1414 1973"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2024/25</th> <th>2025/26</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>Approved</th> <th>Provisional</th> <th>Provisional</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Didcot Wave</td> <td>30,000</td> <td>536,913</td> <td>740,716</td> <td>1,307,629</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park Leisure Centre</td> <td></td> <td>391,667</td> <td>1,403,748</td> <td>1,795,415</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>30,000</td> <td>928,580</td> <td>2,144,464</td> <td>3,103,044</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">Funded by</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSDS Grant</td> <td></td> <td>746,237</td> <td>745,238</td> <td>1,491,475</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OCC contribution</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>476,274</td> <td>476,274</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CIL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1,215,884</td> <td>1,215,884</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>746,237</td> <td>2,437,396</td> <td>3,183,633</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surplus in funding</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>80,589</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26			Approved	Provisional	Provisional	TOTAL	Didcot Wave	30,000	536,913	740,716	1,307,629	Park Leisure Centre		391,667	1,403,748	1,795,415		30,000	928,580	2,144,464	3,103,044	Funded by					PSDS Grant		746,237	745,238	1,491,475	OCC contribution			476,274	476,274	CIL			1,215,884	1,215,884			746,237	2,437,396	3,183,633	Surplus in funding				80,589
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	<p>As there is only £30,000 in the approved capital programme to be able to progress the contract award, budget to cover these costs of c£450,000 is required. Costs associated to this decision are to be funded from grant funding, the CIL allocations will be used to cover aspects of the infrastructure projects not covered by the grant, which needs to be moved from provisional to approved.</p> <p>A full Dun & Bradstreet Financial Credit Check has been carried out and AtkinsRéalis has been scored as moderate to low risk (which is lower than average), further supporting officers' recommendation to award contract to them.</p>			
Other implications	N/A			
Background papers considered	None			
Declarations/ conflict of interest?	None			
Declaration of other councillor/ officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	None			
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Legal legal@southandvale.gov.uk	Pat Connel	Comments and amendments included	1/9/2024
	Finance Finance@southandvale.gov.uk	Richard Spraggett / James Ticehurst	No comments received	09/09/2024
	Climate and biodiversity climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk	Heather Saunders	Jessie Fieth - no comments from the climate team	03/09/2024
	Procurement Procurement@southandvale.gov.uk	Angela Cox / Ben Watson	Comments incorporated	05/09/2024
	Strategic property Property@southandvale.gov.uk	Karen Lister	No comments received	06/09/2024
	Risk and insurance risk@southandvale.gov.uk	Yvonne Cutler Greaves	Comments incorporated	02/09/2024

	Infrastructure and Development mark.hewer@southhandvale.gov.uk	Mark Hewer	Details of CIL allocations added to the financial implications section.	05/09/2024
	Cabinet member for communities	Georgina Heritage	Agreed	02/10/2024
	Senior Management Team smt@southhandvale.gov.uk	SMT	Agreed	11/09/2024
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	No			
Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?	Procurement route supported via officer DA by Pieter-Paul Barker, Cabinet member for finance and property assets.			
Cabinet portfolio holder's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature <i>Pieter-Paul Barker</i> Date <i>27th September 2024</i>			

ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

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Form received	Date: 02 October 2024	Time: 09:05
Date published to all councillors	Date: 02 October 2024	
Call-in deadline	Date: 09 October 2024	Time: 17:00