

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

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No.	Date of Decision:	15 th October 2024
1.	Name of Decision Maker and Job Title:	Debbie Jackson, Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy & Planning (REP).
2.	Status of the decision (e.g. by Executive Director in consultation with Portfolio Holder under the Constitution):	Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy & Planning
3.	Specific Delegation from Executive (Leader, Cabinet or Cabinet Member) / Committee:	Delegated decision from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration on 15 November 2021: To release the budget for Phase 1 developers' contingency of £7.58m and delegate the authority to the Executive Director of Growth, Planning and Housing to approve any additional expenditure against the contingency on Phase 1.
4.	Other Consultees involved. (i.e. Director of Law & Finance):	WCC Legal – Sharon Cudjoe, Senior Major Projects Lawyer and Deputy Team Leader WCC Finance – Georgina Nash, SFM Strategic Projects and Commercial Lead
5.	Material considered as part of the decision-making process. Include how best value achieved and equality objectives met (as appropriate):	The increase in the cost of the Quantity Surveyor (QS) additional services is 9.94% increase on the agreed original contract sum. The additional costs have been based upon the tendered rates contained within the contract sum and equality objectives
6.	Decision taken:	This is a decision delegated from the Cabinet Member Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration on 15 November 2021 to the Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Planning to: Approve the additional expenditure regarding the Council's professional appointment contracts as set out below in respect of Gardiner

		<p>& Theobald (G&T) LLP for Ebury Phase 1 for the Quantity Surveyor (QS) services</p> <p>Original Contract Value: £1,457,500 Variation Sum Increase: £144,852 (9.94%) New Total Contract Value: £1,602,352</p> <p>The increase can be covered under a RoOED in line with the Council's Financial Regulations.</p>
7.	Reasons for the Decision:	<p>To support the delivery of Ebury Bridge Phase 1 for the continuation of this professional consultancy appointment contract between the Council and Gardiner & Theobald LLP (G&T) for the following services:</p> <p>G&T's provision of QS services are critical to the successful delivery of Ebury Phase 1, with Practical Completion of the construction works anticipated on the 29th November 2024</p> <p>The Variation Sum Increase to the original contract sum for additional services are due to:</p> <p>Delays to the programme which extended their period of service by 4 months from July to end November 2024 plus a 2- month delay to the programme due to the revision of tenure mix for the development and a further 3 month delay to the programme due to the introduction of the works required for the fit out of the Management Hub required for the project.</p>
8.	Risk Analysis:	<p>The increased fees to original contract sum fall within the Council's 10% increase threshold criteria under the Procurement Code and the Council's Financial Regulations.</p> <p>Maintaining the same professional team for these services provides consistency and minimises commercial risks for the Council under the contract.</p>
9.	Details of alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>To maintain progress on site it was not commercially feasible or economic for the Council to procure alternative quotations to appoint a new consultant in respect of the</p>

		additional services as well as to ensure project continuity and maintain programme dates to avoid delay to the delivery of the development.
10.	Conflicts of interest declared by any Executive Member/ other Member or officer consulted by the decision maker which relates to the decision:	None
11.	Dispensations Granted: (If any)	None

I certify that this is a true record of the executive decision in relation to the approval for the contract Variation Increased Sum.

Signed by the Decision Maker

Dated 15th October 2024



Name: Debbie Jackson

Job Title: Executive Director Regeneration, Economy and Planning