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EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER NOTICE OF DECISION

TITLE OF DECISION: RIBA Stage 4 Decarbonisation Designs				
NAME OF DECISION TAKER:	COUNCILLOR GINA DOWDING			
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:	CLIMATE ACTION			
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Details of Decision:

To accept Local Carbon Skills Funding, should an offer be made, and provide delegated authority to the Chief Executive to Award the RIBA Stage 4 Contract as per the attached report.

Reasons for the decision:

Funding is available from the Low Carbon Skills Fund (LCSF) to develop existing Heat Decarbonisation Plans to RIBA Stage 4 – detailed design. This will specify exact heat pumps, building fabric, solar, electric upgrades and BEMS systems (make / model).

The work will also firm up capital costs *and* energy savings. This provides additional confidence and ensures sites have fully developed solutions and are 'spade ready.'

Williamson Park, City Lab, The Storey and Morecambe Town Hall will be eligible for Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding in the Autumn and the RIBA Stage 4 designs will help strengthen the application by providing assurance around costs and energy savings.

IS THE DECISION URGENT

YES

Timescales: Officers intend to award the contract week commencing 10th July. It is expected the detailed design and modelling will take several weeks to complete, across four sites.

Work will need to be completed by 23rd September 2023 to support a large capital funding bid via the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS3c) which is expected to go live in the Autumn. PSDS funding is provided on a first-come-first-served basis and the last round of funding was fully allocated within 12 hours of the portal opening.

Officers request to waive call-in to ensure work can start immediately after the contract is awarded, reducing the risk of missing a significant funding opportunity in the Autumn.

I CAN CONFIRM THAT THIS DECISION IS URGENT AS ANY DELAY LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY THE CALL-IN PROCESS WOULD SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE THE COUNCIL'S OR THE PUBLIC INTERESTS AND THEREFORE IS NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN. THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CONSULTED. I HEREBY AGREE BOTH THAT THE DECISION PROPOSED IS REASONABLE, IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

SIGNED:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE: MARK DAVIES



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I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above.							
SIGNATURE OF DEC	CISION TAKER:	Cllr Gina	Dowding				
DATE:		20.6.23					
THIS SECTION	TO BE COMPLETED	BY DEMOC	CRATIC SERVICES	REF NO.	ICMD1		
DATE DECISION TAKEN:	20.6.23		DATE RECEIVED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES:	20.6.23			
DATE DECISION PUBLISHED:	20.6.23		IMPLEMENTATION DATE (publication day + 5 working days):	Immediate -	– call-in waived		