

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 20 August 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 10647)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability Services
SUBJECT:	Approval to spend on replacement library for Woolston
AUTHOR:	David Baldwin

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £796,000 in 2014/15 and £19,000 in 2015/16 from the Economic Development and Leisure Capital Programme for completion of the replacement library project in Centenary Quay.
- (ii) To authorise the Head of Property Services to do anything necessary to undertake the procurement of the refit of the premises up to and including financial close.
- (iii) To authorise the Director of Environment and Economy to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposal.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Council in November 2012 added £957,000 to the Economic Development and Leisure Capital Programme for the fitting out of community facilities including a replacement library in Centenary Quay. Cabinet, also in November, approved expenditure of £142,000 from the Capital Programme to complete the design work for the project. The design work is expected to be complete by September and put out to tender from October onwards enabling the fitting out to be complete in 2014/2015.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1 The Council could continue to work from the existing library and not move to Centenary Quay. The existing library is in poor condition, has a significant repairs backlog estimated to potentially cost £120,000 (£11,000 of this is likely to be incurred within 2/3 years and the remainder has yet to be assigned a timescale) and does not provide disabled access for people in wheelchairs. In public consultation by SEEDA, who then owned the land, a replacement library emerged as the improvement local people most wanted to see on the site.

2 The Council could consider alternative uses for the library space. This would require Crest Nicholson's co-operation for a new planning application for change of use and an amendment to the Section 106 Agreement. If the Council wished to use the building it would still face the cost of fitting out.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 20 August 2013

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>)