



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Decisions made by the Executive Director for Housing Regeneration and Public Realm

Date: 22 June 2021

Key decision: Yes

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive / Head of Business and Committee

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to consider a key decision taken by the Executive Director for Housing Regeneration and Public Realm

1. Recommendation

To consider a key decision taken by the Executive Director for Housing Regeneration and Public Realm, which will come into force on 23 June 2021, unless called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel on 22 June 2021.

2. Reasons for lateness

- 2.1 A Public Sector hub is being developed in the Old Town Hall which will see employment and health partners take tenancies in the floors previously occupied by Lewisham Homes and Dek. The Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) and Ingeus (a delivery partner for DWP) will provide job support for Lewisham residents, and SLaM and Lewisham Greenwich Hospital Trust are taking a couple of floors for back office space to free up space for clinical space and release their own buildings for savings. The tenancies form a large portion of the Council's agreed savings for 2021-24. The works proposed are essential to enable these tenancies to commence.
- 2.2 The report was not included in the Key Decision Plan in time due to ongoing tenancy negotiations with the prospective partners, including agreeing the scope of works to be undertaken. The programme for delivery is extremely tight and therefore we consider that it cannot wait until the July OSBP.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Executive Director for Housing Regeneration and Public Realm made the following key decision:
 - i. Permission to procure and to invite a minimum of 5 tenderers to Tender for principal contractor to refurbish parts of Lewisham Old Town Hall
- 3.2 Under the provisions of Standing Orders Part IV E 14, Members may call in an executive decision within 7 days. If the reports are not called in decisions to be made will come into force on 23 June 2021.