

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

26 March 2014

Report by Directors of Environment, Education and Finance

REPLACEMENT BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to confirm the Council's approval of costs and funding and delegated functions in relation to the replacement of Barrhead High School. The previous report of 12<sup>th</sup> December "notes" rather than "approves" the position on costs. Approval of this report will satisfy the funders as to delegated approvals and ensure that there is no delay in project timescales.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. It is recommended that the Council:
- (a) Approves the current position on costs and funding; and
  - (b) Confirms the delegated functions and approves the actions as outlined in Appendix 1.

**BACKGROUND**

3. The Council is currently preparing the Stage 2 submission (due 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014) for a replacement Barrhead High School. The current estimated financial position as proposed within the Stage 2 submission indicates the estimated costs and funding levels as follows:

East Renfrewshire Council	£11,452,350
Scottish Government	£14,919,840
Total Estimated Capital cost	£26,372,190

4. Under East Renfrewshire Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions paragraph 10 (g) the Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement is authorised –to act as proper officer for the purposes of the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997.

5. In December 2012 the Council noted the current position on costs and approved the proposal to deliver the replacement Barrhead High School through hub West Scotland in collaboration with West Dunbartonshire Council and Scottish Futures Trust.

6. Although the overall costs have increased from the December 2012 report the Council is asked to note that there is no increase in East Renfrewshire Council's contribution to the total cost of the project.

## **REPORT**

7. The funder (through the Hub West Scotland) has requested that the Council approves the recommendations contained in Appendix 1.

## **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY**

8. There are no additional financial implications at this point in time. Appropriate provision was made in the Council's Capital Programme in February 2014.

## **CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

9. There was no need for partnership working. The Council's Chief Officer - Legal & Procurement has been consulted fully in the matter.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL AND CONCLUSIONS**

10. The proposal simply formalises the procedure around procuring the high school to satisfy the funders legal requirements which will help ensure that there is no delay in project timescales. There are no IT, staffing, equality or other implications associated with this report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

11. It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approves the current position on costs and funding; and
- (b) Confirms the delegated functions and approves the actions as outlined in Appendix 1.

Director of Environment, Director of Education and Director of Finance

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## **KEY WORDS**

Barrhead High School, Delegated Functions

- (a) That any revisions made to the funding arrangements of the Project since the Council's Capital Plan was adopted are approved.
- (b) That approval to enter into the Project Documents and any additional documentation required in connection with the Project be given.
- (c) That the Director of Finance or Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) or Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement or their representatives be authorised to consider and agree any amendments to the Project Documents after the date of this meeting and the terms of any additional documents - including further amendments as agreed by the Director of Finance or Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) or Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement or their representatives, having considered the advice of the Council's external advisors.
- (d) That the Director of Finance or Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) or their representatives be authorised to issue certificates under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997.
- (e) That any one of the Director of Finance or Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer), Director of Environment or Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement of the Council be authorised to sign on behalf of the Council the Project Documents (subject to such amendments to the Project Documents as shall be agreed by the Director of Finance or Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) or Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement or their representatives, having considered the advice of the Council's external advisors) and any additional documentation required in connection with the Project.
- (f) That the Director of Finance or Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) be authorised as the named individual on behalf of the Council for the purpose of the insurance proceeds account to be opened in terms of the Project Agreement and the Insurance Proceeds Account Agreement.
- (g) That the Chairman be requested to produce a certified copy of the minute of the proceedings of the meeting as verification that approval has been granted.
- (h) That the Project Agreement and the Funders Direct Agreement shall be certified contracts within the meaning of Section 2 of the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 (the "1997 Act") and shall meet the certification requirements within Section 3 of the 1997 Act and that the said Director of Finance or Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) or representatives are duly authorised to sign and issue the certificates in terms of the 1997 Act.