

**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO  
REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS)  
(MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 &  
THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

**SUBJECT OF DECISION**

In preparation for the final contract sum from the contractor (BAM) for the delivery of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH) on the approved Cabinet de-scoped project, continual reviews of the cost plan and works are being undertaken.

The Miners' Welfare Park site as reported to Cabinet has challenges based upon its previous use and its topography, so ground investigation works / surveying have and are ongoing to reduce future risks as much as possible and fully understand options.

Further works in advance of being on site are required for the remediation strategy as part of the monitoring requirement, it is necessary to permit BAM to evidence that they are not increasing contamination levels in the groundwater. This is not a survey required to manage risk, it is a necessity for the project to be constructed due to the nature of the conditions placed upon the site.

The main aim of these investigations will be to provide further information to inform the foundation strategy as well as further groundwater sampling to assess levels of contaminated water in the ground.

**DECISION REFERENCE**

DO/97/2024 (KH)

**SOURCE OF AUTHORITY**

**AND REFERENCE** (i.e. Committee/Constitution/Minute No. etc.

The NBBC Constitution May 2023 section 3D General Delegations Part A.

**DATE OF DECISION**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**DECISION MAKER (Name and Job Title)**

**Kevin Hollis  
Strategic Director - Public Services**



**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

a) The issue

NBBC has been reporting to Cabinet/Council on the BPAH strategic project for several years, following its adopted Leisure Facility strategy. Following the increase in construction costs and inflation over the past year (Since March 2022) the project cost increased significantly, which resulted in the Bedworth project being 'paused' until finances could be confirmed.

Following several meetings with DLUHC and work over the past several months, a de-scoped design which has been value engineered and supported by Sport England and is now moved to RIBA Stage 4 to confirm cost and delivery.

The main aim of these investigations (in advance of contract sum being provided) will be to inform the foundation strategy as well as further groundwater sampling to assess levels of contaminated water in the ground. Once these are confirmed and align with the contractors costing, it will provide further confidence in the costing and reduce risks associated with ground / earth works required for the project.

b) The Decision

To approve the site investigations.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Cabinet have recently approved an overall budget of £30.6M to deliver this project. The site investigations information will provide further confidence in the costing of the final project sum from BAM to meet the budget agreed.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION

Delaying these investigations, means that 2-4 months could be placed on the overall project timeline, providing an increased risk of not meeting external funders timeframes and has the potential to lose their funding altogether.

WARD RELEVANCE

Popular

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the site investigations will be financed through the funding received from DLUHC.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS

The Leader, Cabinet Member for Public Services, Assistant Director for Recreation & Culture.

ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED

None

IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given).

N/A

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

No specific implications.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding required for these site investigations will be supported from funds drawdown from DLUHC to date.

HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

None arising directly from this decision.

SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

If the Council delays delivering the BPAH project from the agreed timescales by external funders, it risks losing the already secured funding towards the project. This would result in NBBC having to find 100% of the funds to deliver the BPAH project and this would place significant risks/strain to NBBC, which it is not able to financially support this level of funding.

SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) & LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONS

No specific SME & local economy implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The main aim of these investigations will be to provide further information to inform the foundation strategy as well as further groundwater sampling to assess levels of contaminated water in the ground.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

**None**

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

None.

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