

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

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If not a Key Decision write n/a above

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: HARLOW-GILSTON GARDEN TOWN – GRANT FUNDING FROM HOMES ENGLAND	
Type of Decision: Executive	Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes
Officer Contact: Scott Crudgington Tel:	Executive Member/Committee Chairman: Derrick Ashley, Growth, Infrastructure, Planning & The Economy Portfolio (Executive Functions only):

1. **Decision**

On 14 December 2020, Cabinet made the following resolution:

- (a) to authorise the Council to enter into the grant funding agreement with Homes England and any subsequent or connected documentation as may be necessary;
- (b) to delegate authority to negotiate, agree and complete all necessary documents to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Director of Environment & Infrastructure, the Executive Member for Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy and the Executive Member for Resources and Performance, provided that the Director of Resources is satisfied that the Council has taken all reasonable measures to mitigate the risks to the Council resulting from the project.

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- (c) to delegate the day to day running of the project to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Director of Environment & Infrastructure, so as to allow the Council to exercise all powers under the documents connected with the project.

I, as Director of Resources, have resolved to exercise the delegation at 1(b) above so as to allow the Council to enter into all necessary documentation connected with the Harlow-Gilston Garden Town grant funding.

2. Reasons for the decision

I am satisfied that the Council has taken all reasonable measures to mitigate the risk to the Council associated with the grant funding agreement and connected documentation.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

The only other option is to not enter into the grant funding agreement. This was not considered to be a viable alternative due to the adverse impact it would have upon the proposed Harlow-Gilston Garden Town project.

4. Consultation *(see Summary of Requirements below)*

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

- (a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman *(delete as applicable)*

In accordance with the Cabinet delegation, the Director of Environment & Infrastructure, the Executive Member for Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy and the Executive Member for Resources and Performance were all consulted prior to the making of this decision and all consented to the taking of the decision.

- (b) Comments of other consultees

N/a

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

None.

(If a Councillor declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from Democratic Services or Legal Services).

6. Following consultation with the Director of Environment & Infrastructure, the Executive Member for Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy and the Executive Member for

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Resources and Performance I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed:

Title: ...DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES.....

Date: 25 MARCH 2021

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions:

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		<p>Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions:</p> <p>Consult Local Councillor</p>
General or County-wide	No	<p>Executive Functions:</p> <p>Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions:</p> <p>Consult relevant Committee Chairman</p>
General or County-wide	Yes	<p>Executive Functions:</p> <p>Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions:</p> <p>Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups</p>