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Subject: Appointment of master development partner to assist the County Council in the delivery of an emerging urban extension at Baldock

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Executive Member:

Cllr. Ralph Sangster
Portfolio: Resources & Performance

1. Decision

- 1.1 That the Director of Resources has determined that Annex A to this Decision Record should not be disclosed to the public as it contains exempt information as defined by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighing the public interest in disclosing that information;
- 1.2 Appointment of the preferred bidder to be the master developer who will work with the County Council to help deliver the emerging urban extension at Baldock.

2. Reasons for the decision

Following approval by the council, a competitive procurement process has been undertaken, starting with the publication of a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union ('OJEU Notice'). Five organisations submitted Supplier Questionnaire returns and following evaluation four were shortlisted to take part in a series of competitive dialogue sessions. Two bidders withdrew during competitive dialogue stage, leaving two remaining bidders.

Final tenders from the two remaining bidders were submitted in January 2021 which were evaluated according to the Evaluation Criteria set out in the OJEU notice, followed by a moderation session. At the end of moderation session, the individual scores were agreed, and final weighted scores calculated according to the criteria set out in the procurement documentation.

The recommended bidder gained the highest final weighted score, and on this basis have been selected as the preferred development partner. Following the council's Call-In period, and prior to formal Contract award, the council will engage with the Preferred Bidder to agree final contractual terms, which will be reported to the Director

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of Resources, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources for final approval.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected**²

The delivery of the urban extension at Baldock is a major property development project, in May 2020 Cabinet Panel considered alternative delivery methods and agreed that a master developer approach is the appropriate direction to deliver such a long term and complex project jointly with the council.

4. **Consultation**

(a) Comments of Executive Member^{3 4}

(b) Comments of other consultees⁵

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed:Scott Crudgington

Title:Director of Resources Date:28th April 2021

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) Democratic Services - Room 213 County Hall.

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.