

Agenda Item 7

Decision:

The Chief Executive Resolves that the Council enters into contract with Kier for the development of an Investment Grade Proposal for sustainable low carbon heating and energy generation systems at Carterton leisure centre at a cost of £243,000 funded from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding of £1.6M awarded to the Council.

The Chair of the Council agreed to the urgency and to waive call in.

Reasons for the decision:

The commissioning of the Investment Grade Proposal (IGP) is considered the best approach and reduces time lag risks which would come from delaying certain elements. The Project Board is confident that it meets Salix's criteria above and therefore they will fund these costs in full, even if the project ceases at a later date.

All consultees were in agreement that the Council should proceed and this was endorsed at a meeting of the PSDS Project Board on 2nd May 2023.

Alternative options considered:

The Council could decide not to proceed with the IGP and to inform Salix it no longer wishes to proceed with the PSDS grant.

Urgent item?: Yes

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