



## Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	Authorisation to submit a bid for One Public Estate (OPE) phase 7 funding
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Roger Ramsey – Cabinet Member for Finance and Property
<b>SLT Lead:</b>	Jane West – Chief Operating and S151 Officer
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<b>Policy context:</b>	Supports the rationalisation of the council's property portfolio and working collaboratively with other public sector partners, which could deliver efficiency savings and additional housing within the borough.
<b>Financial summary:</b>	The proposed bid to the OPE is to deliver a masterplan to develop a number of publically owned sites adjacent to the Town Hall. If successful, this will unlock OPE funding of up to £475,000 to develop these proposals.
<b>Relevant OSC:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Board
<b>Is this decision exempt from being called-in?</b>	This is a non-key decision

### The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering  
Places making Havering  
Opportunities making Havering  
Connections making Havering

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### Part A – Report seeking decision

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### **DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorisation to submit a bid for One Public Estate (OPE) phase 7 funding for up to £475,000 of external funding to develop proposals at a number of publically owned sites adjacent to and including the Town Hall.

### **AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE**

The S151 officer of the London Borough of Havering has the authority after consultation with the lead member to submit a bid for £475K to One Public Estate (OPE) phase 7.

Constitution Part 3 para 3 financial responsibilities Delegation of functions to members of SLT c. In consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to apply for, accept and manage external funding up to a limit of £500,000 per grant in support of any function within their Directorate provided that any financial contributions by the Council are made from within existing budgets

### **STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The One Public Estate (OPE) programme is a cross Government partnership between the Cabinet Office, the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), who are partnering to support the best use of that land and property including unlocking surplus public land for housing.

New and existing OPE partnerships are invited to apply, and funding is likely to be awarded as grant. This submission will unlock funding to develop the proposals which will lead to a rationalisation of current corporate accommodation and the benefits that this will bring.

The Havering and Barking & Dagenham Partnership is submitting this bid for additional OPE (Phase 7) funding in line with the bidding guidance published in September 2018, the bid is in the form of an Annexe to our Services and Assets Delivery Plan. The Plan was approved by the OPE Unit following a successful Round 5 submission.

The Partnership has met all the pre-selection criteria specified as part of the Round 5 approval process.

### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

The option for Havering to fund the master planning exercise was considered but was rejected as there is external funding available in order to undertake this exercise.

### **PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION**

Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, the S151 officers from LBH and LBBB, Director of Regeneration Programme Delivery, Director of Children's Services, Director of Asset Management and the Director of Technical Services.

Consultation was also undertaken with the lead member for Finance and Property.

**NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER**

Name: Ian Saxby

Designation: Architectural and Design Manager

Signature:



Date:

29/11/18.

**Part B - Assessment of implications and risks**

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

There are no major legal implications arising from the decision being taken as detailed in this report. The Council has power to apply for grant funding and to carry out the functions for delivery under s1 The Localism Act 2011 which provides the Council with general powers of competency. This means the Council can do anything that an individual can do subject to any statutory bar. In addition s111 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides a local authority can do "anything" which is "calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions".

The terms and conditions of the grant are not presently known and legal advice will need to be sought at the time grant is awarded. The Council is required to apply contract standing orders and adhere to the procurement rules before using the grant for the specified purposes, where applicable. These activities will be subject to usual governance arrangements in line with the constitution.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

The bid is to secure funding of £475k towards the costs of developing proposals at a number of publically owned sites adjacent to and including the Town Hall.

A breakdown of the costs are set out below:

Valuation and Professional Advice	£75,000
Viability Appraisal	£50,000
Surveys	£25,000
Programme and Project Management	£85,000
Development of Initial Masterplan	£240,000
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>£475,000</b>

The outcome of the bid is expected in February 2019.

Transformation funding of £125k has already been earmarked to undertake a review of Council owned elements of this bid as part of the asset optimisation review. Funding from One Public Estate would enable the review to be expanded to include other public sector properties in the vicinity, and may also mean that the Council funding is not needed in the initial stages.

Should the bid for funding not be successful then the Council will need to consider if it wishes to fund the project itself and/or reduce the scope.

If the bid is successful, then prior to accepting the offer, a review of terms and conditions will

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need to be undertaken to ensure that the Council/Partnership can adhere to them. Should they not be adhered to there is a risk that grant funding would be withdrawn leaving the Council/partnership to meet the costs incurred to date.

**HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS  
(AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)**

There are no implications associated with this decision.

**EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

There are no implications associated with this decision.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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**Part C – Record of decision**

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

**Decision**

Proposal agreed

**Details of decision maker**

Signed

*Jane West*

Name: Jane West, Chief Operating and S151 Officer

Date: *29/11/18*

**Lodging this notice**

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Democratic Services Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

**For use by Committee Administration**

This notice was lodged with me on *3/12/18*

Signed

*A. H. M.*

