

## CABINET SPOKESPERSON FOR CHILDREN'S AND GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTORATES

### Record of a decision taken on Reconfiguration of Commerce House as a Children's and Young People's hub

#### Subject

As part of the wider Council accommodation strategy and in response to changing operational delivery of children's services, this proposal streamlines options previously discussed at SMT level (2019-2020) to create a children's and young people's hub for 'front door' provision of service and support to children and young people who are receiving a service from:

- Youth Justice Service
- Children in care team
- Future Directions (leaving care service)

Aims of proposal are to:

- Improve access to social care and youth justice services by vulnerable adults and children through provision of a 'front door' service which can guide service users to appropriate resources.
- Enable income from sale of 18 Regent St and leasing of GWP through smaller asset footprint.
- Increase staff satisfaction from having modernized workspaces and facilities.
- Enable more effective use of BMBC assets through repurposing an existing building which is suited to delivery of the services discussed above.

The estimated overall cost of the proposal is £398,048 and the anticipated completion date is January 2023; subject to availability of materials.

#### Key Risks Associated with the Proposed Action

Risk Detail	Probability and Impact	Mitigation
Cost estimates above may not be reflective of market prices at time of procurement. This could lead to overspend resulting in the need for additional funding approval and possible delays to works.	Medium-high	Cost estimates do incorporate some contingency value. Procurement activities to take place at earliest opportunity to reduce risks of price changes.
Timelines for completion of works are subject to availability of suitably	Medium	Utilize BPS staff to carry out the work inhouse depending on the priority of other work.

<p>qualified contractors and lead times for materials. This could result in delays to the proposed schedule. this is of particular concern in relation to IT infrastructure equipment</p>		<p>Where possible utilise call off frameworks rather than open tenders. Engage the market as early as requirements are known to ascertain availability. Where necessary, for critical work with limited suppliers, utilise waiver processes to speed up appointments. IT infrastructure team working through options for delivery of IT provision to the site to minimise the impact of supply chain delays.</p>
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**Recommendation**

1. The spokesperson approves the business case to proceed with the project as agreed by Capital Oversight Board, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
2. Delegated authority is given to the Service Director, Regeneration and Culture to oversee and approve procurement and change management activities relating to the project.

Certification by the Executive Director Growth and Sustainability. Report cleared for consideration by Cabinet Spokesperson

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..... 13/07/2022  
Signed Date

**Decision/Comments of the Cabinet Spokesperson**

Recommendation Approved/Not Approved\* by Cabinet Spokesperson  
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(Signed) Cabinet Spokesperson

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