

Minutes of: CABINET

Date of Meeting: 17 November 2021

Present: Councillor E O'Brien (in the Chair)
Councillors C Cummins, R Gold, C Morris, A Quinn,
T Tariq and T Rafiq

Also in attendance: Councillors N Jones, J Mason, M Powell, R Bernstein,
J Harris and J Rydeheard

Public Attendance: One member of the public was present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor A Simpson

CA.172 DELIVERY OF A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN RADCLIFFE: LAND PROPOSAL TO DFE & STAR ACADEMIES - PART A

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report outlining the conclusions of a study to determine the extent of the site to be utilised for the school, and seeking approval of the proposal to lease the identified land to the DfE and for occupation by Star Academy Trust. In response to Members' questions it was noted that the Council would use its influence on Star Academy Trust to aim for a zero carbon school, and it was noted that Transport for Greater Manchester were already engaged on the project.

Decision:

Cabinet:

1. Approved the disposal of the land on a long leasehold basis in accordance with the proposed terms contained at Part B of this report;
2. Delegated approval of any further negotiations to the Director of Regeneration, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer; and
3. Noted that a full proposal of quantified abnormal costs, including the delivery of a new access road, will be submitted to Cabinet for approval at a later date.

Reasons for the decision:

- To unlock the delivery of a new secondary school for Radcliffe.
- To utilise a Council owned Brownfield site for development.
- The proposed site boundaries ensure stakeholder considerations including strategic site access, future transport routes and contractor site management.
- Both delivery routes for the Council to fund the access road are required to satisfy the requirements of the DFE in relation to the delivery of the proposed free school.

Other options considered and rejected:

- The site is in Radcliffe, ideally located to benefit from the proposed catchment area. The site is identified within the Radcliffe Strategic Regeneration Framework and was confirmed by Cabinet in March 2021.

- The Council has commissioned investigations into the school location, appropriate massing and stakeholder considerations and have identified the site boundaries proposed within this cabinet report.
- Star Academy Trust and the DfE have approved the proposed red edge of the proposed site and as such no other options have been considered.
- The Council has explored both delivery routes for provision of the access road and has a procurement route that can be implemented in the required timescales of the DfE.

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CA.184 DELIVERY OF A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL IN RADCLIFFE: LAND PROPOSAL TO DFE & STAR ACADEMIES - PART B

Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the Part B report which set out the full details of the lease.

Decision:

Cabinet:

1. Approved the disposal of the land on a long leasehold basis in accordance with the proposed terms contained at Part B of this report;
2. Delegated approval of any further negotiations to the Director of Regeneration, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer; and
3. Noted that a full proposal of quantified abnormal costs, including the delivery of a new access road, will be submitted to Cabinet for approval at a later date.

Reasons for the decision:

As set out for the Part A report.

Other options considered and rejected:

As set out for the Part A report.