

**URGENT DECISION FORM**

<b>Date:</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		<b>Ref No:</b>	
<b>Type of Decision:</b>			
<b>Cabinet Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Key</b>	x	<b>Non-Key</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Subject matter:</b>			
Appointment of the construction contractor for Radcliffe Enterprise Centre			
<b>Reason for Urgency:</b>			
<p>Decision was set for November Cabinet however negotiations on the price took longer than expected as costs were higher than anticipated.</p> <p>This has now been rectified and we are seeking to appoint Eric Wright Construction as a matter of urgency given the programme has been delayed by 6 weeks already and the funding is subject to tight UKSPF deadlines and needs to be spent by March 2025.</p> <p>Making the decision now to appoint the contractor will enable contracts to be drafted before Christmas and will allow the contractor to mobilise and commence site preparation and enabling works in early January.</p> <p>Waiting for January Cabinet would delay the commencement and put the project at significant risk of failure.</p>			
<b>Freedom of Information Status</b>			
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		No	
<p>[Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? <b>If yes</b> – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]</p>			

**Decision taken:**

To appoint Eric Wright Construction Limited as the contractor to deliver the building works to complete the transformation of Radcliffe Library to Enterprise Centre.


Contract Value: £1,903,066.

This is approved by Councillor O'Brien, Leader of the Council, via the urgent decision process, following consultation as to the need for urgency with Councillors:

Vernon (Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

Bernstein (Leader of the Conservative Group)

M Smith (Leader of Radcliffe First).

Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Leader	 Cllr Eamonn O'Brien	15.12.24
<b>After consultation with:</b>		
Cabinet Member (if a Key Decision) or Chair or Lead Member (as appropriate)	(as above)	15.12.24
If it is a Key Decision, the Chair of Scrutiny Committee to agree that the decision cannot be deferred	Cllr Dene Vernon (e-mail)	15.12.24
Opposition Leader or nominated spokesperson (Council Decision) or  Leader or Majority Group Member on Overview and Scrutiny Committee (if a Key Decision) to agree that the decision cannot be deferred	Cllr Russell Bernstein (e-mail)	14.12.24
Leader of second largest Opposition Group (if a Key/Council Decision) to agree that the decision cannot be deferred	Cllr Mike Smith (e-mail)	14.12.24

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Date : 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Background Papers:



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