

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 17 September 2019

Wards Affected:

Report Title: Demolition of the Old Car Park, Garfield Road, Victoria Centre, Paignton

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? Immediately

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 Demolition of the older of the two car parks at Garfield Road, Victoria Centre, Paignton, is required to unlock the site for development. The Council is making arrangements to enable the demolition to proceed including steps to secure vacant possession. The cost of demolition will be completely covered by the Land Release Funding and will not require any funding by Torbay Council.
- 1.2 At the meeting of the Investment and Regeneration Committee held on 12 February 2019, Members considered an exempt proposal in respect of the demolition of the old car park, Garfield Road, Victoria Centre, Paignton. The resolved (Exempt Minute 205/2/19 refers):
 - (i) that the Investment and Regeneration Committee approve the demolition of the old car park, Garfield Road, Victoria Centre, Paignton and that the Interim Director of Place be instructed to gain vacant possession and be authorised to proceed with the demolition and a contract for such being in place by the end of December 2019 to be funded from the Land Release Fund; and
 - (ii) that a draft design brief be brought back to the Investment and Regeneration Committee for consideration prior to the planning application for demolition being submitted.
- 1.3 The Investment and Regeneration Committee was disbanded in May 2019 and the governance and decision making transferred to the Cabinet.

1.4 It is proposed that the Cabinet rescinds the decision in (ii) above as this is no longer required in order to progress with the demolition of the old car park site.

1.5 Any future development of the site will go through the normal planning consent process in any event but community groups are already engaged with Council officers and the TDA on a range of evolving design proposals.

2. Reason for Proposal and associated financial commitments

2.1 Full details of the reasons for the proposed rescinding of part of the decision are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

(i) that the Cabinet reaffirm the decision of the Investment and Regeneration Committee to approve the demolition of the old car park, Garfield Road, Victoria Centre, Paignton and that the Interim Director of Place be instructed to gain vacant possession and be authorised to proceed with the demolition and a contract for such being in place by the end of December 2019 to be funded from the Land Release Fund; and

(ii) that Exempt Minute 205/2/19(ii) “a draft design brief be brought back to the Investment and Regeneration Committee for consideration prior to the planning application for demolition being submitted” be rescinded as this decision is no longer required in order to progress with the proposed demolition of the old car park, Garfield Road, Victoria Centre, Paignton.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Background report from TDA