

Record of Decisions

Pavilion Update

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 23 March 2021.

Decision

That the Chief Executive of Torbay Council in consultation with the Portfolio holders for Finance and Economic Regeneration be authorised to:

- i) agree and finalise the details exchange of letters protocol got the Pavilion as set out in the Council's response; and
- ii) agree that £75,000 from Economic Development Budget be allocated to match fund the joint appointment of a specialist consultants who will survey the Pavilion and provide a programme of works required with indicative costs.

Reason for the Decision

The proposals would ensure the restoration of the Pavilion was undertaken as quickly as possible and to provide additional certainty, and commitment from both parties. The restoration would include the repair of the inherent defects of this strategically important building and a programme of refurbishment that would ultimately see the building bought back into use.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 7 April 2021 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Pavilion, Torquay has been empty and unused for many years. The property was leased to Marina Developments Ltd (MDL) on a 99 year lease from 1985. The marina and adjoining car park was also leased to MDL on a separate 99 year lease agreement from 1987. The Council has been working with its tenant over many years to find a solution which would see the restoration of the Pavilion and ultimately bring it back into use.

As such authorisation was being sought, for Torbay Council to enter into an exchange of letters protocol with Marina Developments Ltd and YG Developments Ltd, which sets out the mutually agreed way forward in respect of the Pavilion. The proposed letters record the process and actions required by both parties prior to commencing the full restoration of the Pavilion building.

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet