

CABINET MINUTE 7A OF 21 MAY 2013

LANGAGE EMPLOYMENT UNITS

The Director for Place submitted a report on a proposed scheme to provide 2,787 square metres of industrial workspace at Langage at an estimated cost of £2.5m.

The direct development commercial employment scheme would comprise high quality, sustainable accommodation for small and medium sized businesses on council owned land at Langage Science Park, Plympton, and up to 80 full time jobs would be created or supported.

A detailed demand and supply report had concluded that there was a shortage of high quality, modern employment space facilities, which the private sector had been unable to provide.

David Draffan (Assistant Director for Economic Development), James Watt (Head of Land and Property) and Paul Palmer (Principal Surveyor (Corporate Estates)) attended the meeting for this item and Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) presented the proposals.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Agreed, subject to approval of minute 7a below, to –

- (1) approve a tender exercise using a two stage design and build procurement process for the delivery of a £2.5m direct development commercial employment scheme at Langage to provide 2,787 square feet of high quality, sustainable accommodation facilitating or supporting up to 80 full time jobs;
- (2) delegate to the Cabinet Member for Finance the authority to make the key decision to award the building contract following the tender exercise.

Recommendation to the City Council

Further to minute 7 above, the City Council is Recommended to amend the capital programme to include £2.5m for a scheme to provide 2,787 square feet of industrial workspace at Langage.

Note:

The full report in connection with this minute is available on the website

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