

Friday, 17 March 2023



## BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

### DECISIONS NOTICE

#### DECISIONS BY THE BABERGH CABINET CALL IN DEADLINE 5:00PM ON 24 March 2023

The following decisions have been taken by the Babergh Cabinet and will come into effect on 27 March 2023 unless the call-in procedure is activated. For clarity, where an item is 'to be noted', 'received' or recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply.

#### **BCA/22/52 REGENERATION OF BELLE VUE SITE IN SUDBURY**

It was **RESOLVED**: -

- 1.1 That the preferred recommended proposal including the financial bid outlined in confidential Appendix B attached to this report be approved.**
- 1.2 That delegated authority be given to the Director for Economic Growth and Climate Change, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Cabinet Member for Assets and Investments, to progress and conclude any legal processes and agreements in respect of the recommended proposal.**
- 1.3 That should the preferred bidder withdraw or otherwise not proceed on the terms proposed that, prior to any binding agreement, the Director for Economic Growth and Climate Change be given delegated authority to proceed to negotiate with an alternative bidder or to agree amended terms for the disposal provided that best consideration reasonably obtainable is achieved and that the Council's wider regeneration priorities for the site and wider town are delivered.**

#### **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. The site has been unused for several years and forms a gateway to the town centre so bringing it back into economic use is a key part of the regeneration plans for the Sudbury Vision.
2. If the preferred bidder drops out or otherwise does not progress on terms proposed,

the Council will be able to move forward with an alternative proposal or terms provided it meets best value requirements.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

DO NOTHING (Not Recommended) – Cabinet and local partners have agreed this is not an option. The site continues to be retained and maintained by the District Council. The land remains under-utilised and a cost burden to the Council, including from regular incidents of vandalism and break-ins. Vision and Strategic Priorities remain undelivered at this key gateway to Sudbury.

**Any Declarations of Interests Declared:** Councillor Osborne declared an other registrable interest as a member of Sudbury Town Council.

**Any Dispensation Granted:** None