

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 9250)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND LEISURE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	*LIBRARY PROVISION IN WOOLSTON
AUTHOR:	David Baldwin

THE DECISION

Subject to Council approval of recommendation (ii).

- (i) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £35,000 in 2012/2013, £107,000 in 2013/2014 from the Housing and Leisure Capital Programme for the design work of the community facilities including the replacement library in Centenary Quay.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Economy to sign the lease for the property subject to consultation with the Director of Resources and Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The replacement library is expected to be handed over by the developer in October 2013. The project is needed to ensure that the Council is able to take out a lease on the property and fit it out with a view to opening it in 2014. Approval is required to add the project to the Capital programme and to authorise spend on the design work.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. The Council could continue to work from the existing library and not move to Centenary Quay. Another alternative site in Inkerman Road was identified in the Local Plan, but would have been expensive to build and was not taken forward as Centenary Quay is more financially viable and provides a more prominent location. The existing library is in poor condition, has a significant repairs backlog and does not provide disabled access for people in wheelchairs. The intention would be to sell the existing library site, Inkerman Road site and another Council-owned site which is estimated to be enough to cover the capital cost of the new library.

2. The Council could consider alternative uses for the library space. This would require Crest Nicholson's co-operation for a new planning application for change of use and an amendment to the Section 106 Agreement. If the Council wished to use the building it would still face the cost of fitting out.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 13th November 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in (<i>if applicable</i>)