

<b>Subject:</b>	Preferred Regeneration Development Partner	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
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<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Head of Health Housing &amp; Regeneration</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>Regeneration Tourism &amp; Leisure</b>
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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<b>1.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the selection of Barnfield Investment Properties with Together Housing as the Councils preferred regeneration development partner be approved
1.2	That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Business to finalise the partnership agreement between Barnfield Investment Properties with Together Housing and the Council.
1.3	That the Leader of the Council, the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Tourism & Leisure and the Chief Executive be nominated as Rossendale's representatives on the Shadow Board.
1.4	That the Director of Business be nominated as Company Secretary for the new Joint Venture Company.
1.5	All future minor amendments to the project to be delegated to the Head of Health Housing & Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To update Members on the progress of the Council's Corporate Projects.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
- **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
- **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 In September 2011 the Council began a process under the European Procurement rules to invite proposals from interested organisations to become the Council's Preferred Regeneration Development Partner.

5.2 This initial advertisement resulted in six responses which were reduced to four following evaluation, with one organisation withdrawing during the later stages.

- 5.3 The process referred to as OJEU, was taken forward through the Competitive Dialogue process, a route recommended for the selection of this type of partnership. This is quite a lengthy, staged process and was formally ended on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at which point the three remaining organisations were invited to submit a formal tender.
- 5.4 The tenders were evaluated by a panel consisting of The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Tourism & Leisure, The Director of Business, The Head of Finance and Property and The Planning Manager.
- 5.5 Following Evaluation Barnfield Investment Properties with Together Housing were selected as the best partner to select based on their significant experience, excellent track record in delivery, access to finance and partnership structure.
- 5.6 The formal legal agreement is currently being finalised and this report seeks delegated authority for the Director of Business to conclude and agree the contents of this agreement.
- 5.7 In the meantime, a Shadow Board is being established comprising of three representatives from each organisation. It is suggested that the nomination for Board Members from Rossendale comprises of the Leader of the Council, The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure and the Chief Executive. In addition, it is recommended that the Director of Business should act as Company Secretary.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

##### **6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 6.1 No specific projects have yet been finalised therefore there are no direct financial implications arising from this appointment. However, the procurement process undertaken is intended to ensure that the Council gets best value for money on future development projects and that those projects can begin as quickly and efficiently as possible.

##### **7. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 7.1 No additional comments.

##### **8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 8.1 No human resources implications

##### **9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 9.1 Leader of the Council, Portfolio holder, Members

##### **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 The selection of a preferred Regeneration Development Partner provides the best framework for achieving the Council's ambitions to regenerate Rossendale's town centres and key sites across the borough.

No background papers