

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Local Government (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information)
(England) Regulations 2012.

Type of decision: Material decision

Decision Date: 25 June 2025

Decision Maker: Deputy Chief Executive

Decision status: Is Key Decision?: Yes

Is subject to call in? No (exempt under grounds of urgency to facilitate the programme for delivery of the project)

Decision details:

In March 2025 cabinet delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council as the Portfolio Holder for Major Projects, to enter contracts, above the key decision threshold, for the Anglia Square scheme which are fully funded by the Homes England grant and where there is a need to commence works in advance of the creation of the Investment Partnership.

Officers have been working on a proposed meanwhile use on land adjacent to Anglia Square which will support former traders of Anglia Square and new businesses to grow and thrive in the area.

In order to facilitate the meanwhile use it is proposed to grant fund the selected contractor, Meanwhile Creative, for the cost of supplying the containers in order to make the facility financially viable.

The grant would be fully covered within the Housing Infrastructure Funding from Homes England and details were included in the bid and subsequent grant agreement between the city council and Homes England.

Decision:

To award a grant of £0.5m to Meanwhile Creative from the Anglia Square Housing Infrastructure Grant awarded by Homes England.

Reason for decision:

To facilitate the meanwhile use in relation to the Anglia Square redevelopment.

Alternative Options:

Not to award the grants and fund the works from council budgets, or to not proceed with the Meanwhile Use.

Declarations of Interest:

None

Reports considered by the decision maker:

N/A

Any background documents considered: N/A

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