



Council

30th July 2019

Title **Referral from the Assets,
Regeneration and Growth Committee
– Upper and Lower Fosters**

Report of Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth
Committee

Wards Hendon

Status Public

Urgent Yes

Key Yes

Enclosures Appendix 1 – Upper and Lower Fosters report
Appendix 2 – Restricted exempt report
Appendix 3 – Restricted appendix to exempt report

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Summary

The report attached at Appendix 1 (Upper and Lower Fosters) was considered by the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee on the 13th June 2019. The Committee resolved to agree the recommendations as set out in the report in Appendix 1 and to refer the approval of the capital budget required to progress Upper and Lower Fosters scheme to RIBA stage 4a to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

However, it is urgent that the report is referred to Full Council, rather than wait until P&R in October 2019. The report will allow the Barnet Group to instruct the design and professional team to progress the design through RIBA stage 4, ahead of tendering the

project and preparing the Full Business Case.

The project has been co-designed with the local community with regular engagement activities. If we wait until October to commence this process then we risk losing momentum with the local community. Prolonged project delivery could also add additional costs to the project and may not optimise delivery or return on investment.

Land and property matters including appropriation, statutory requirements and consents, transfers of land, highways, acquisition of pram sheds and other ancillary matters will be addressed during RIBA stages 4-7. These activities are critical to the successful delivery of the project and a delay in starting these activities could be detrimental to the overall project.

Officers Recommendations

- 1. That Council approve the capital budget required to progress the Upper and Lower Fosters scheme to RIBA stage 4a.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.
- 1.2 The Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee resolved to agree the recommendations as set out in the report in Appendix 1 and to refer the approval of the capital budget required to progress Upper and Lower Fosters scheme to RIBA stage 4a to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval. However, the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee is not until the 3rd October 2019, and approval of the funding is urgently required before this date, therefore approval is sought from Council.

It is urgent that the report is referred to Full Council, rather than wait until P&R in October 2019. The report will allow the Barnet Group to instruct the design and professional team to progress the design through RIBA stage 4, ahead of tendering the project and preparing the Full Business Case. The project has been co-designed with the local community with regular engagement activities. If we wait until October to commence this process then we risk losing momentum with the local community. Prolonged project delivery could also add additional costs to the project and may not optimise delivery or return on investment.

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2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

5.3 Social Value

5.4 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

5.5 Legal and Constitutional References

5.5.1 The Council's Constitution, Article 4 sets out the terms of reference for Council which includes 'making decisions on matters normally reserved to committees (except for planning and licensing matters) where an urgent decision is required. Determination of whether a matter is urgent will be made by Mayor and Chairman of relevant committee in consultation with Leader and relevant chief officer.

5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

5.7 Equalities and Diversity

5.7.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

5.8 Corporate Parenting

5.8.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

5.9 Consultation and Engagement

5.9.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1.1 As set out in Appendix 1-3 of the report.