## URGENT EXECUTIVE DELEGATED DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

## PRESENT

OFFICERS Eric Dickinson - Democracy Officer

## 1. LEVELLING UP FUND

Purpose To seek approval for using the Chief Executive urgency powers under Part 3 of the Constitution (Executive Functions) to enable delivery of the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) programme.

Reason For
Decision

Decision That the Chief Executive under Executive urgency powers enters into an agreement with the Council's JV partner Barnfield Investment Properties (BIP) to procure an architectural team and to carry out pre-planning survey works as set out in paragraph 8 of this report.

In accordance with and following the requirements set out in Paragraph 15 of Part 4.5 of the constitution regarding the agreement provided by the Vice Chair of Scrutiny (in the absence of the Chair of Scrutiny), it is stated that in the opinion of the Chief Executive this decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in.

The early engagement of a design team and the pre-planning survey works are necessary to:
i) enable a phase draw down decision as set out in schedule 1 of the Development Agreement with Barnfield Investment Properties
ii) complete a Supplemental Agreement to the Development Agreement
iii) to agree the proposed scheme detail with UCLAN
iv) to submit a planning application by March to ensure that construction phase can commence in October 2022 as set out in the LUF delivery plan

An urgent decision is necessary to achieve the delivery programme set out in the LUF proposal which requires all LUF monies are defrayed no later than March 2024. This requires a planning permission to be submitted in March 22. An Executive decision would lead to a 4 week delay.

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