

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND FINANCE,
19 OCTOBER 2018**

**AWARD OF THE WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF EASTHAMPSTEAD
HOUSE**

Director of Delivery

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek approval not to award a contract for the demolition of Easthampstead House following a tender process earlier in 2018.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Executive Member for Transformation & Finance approves the decision not to award a contract for the demolition of Easthampstead House.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1** The retention of Easthampstead House for a “meanwhile use” is now being pursued enabling the use of the site for new start up businesses. Therefore the demolition of Easthampstead House is no longer required in the immediate future.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1.1** In anticipation of the final move of the Council to Time Square and the closure of Easthampstead House as a Council office in April 2018, a tender process was undertaken for the work of demolition. Seven tenders were received in February 2018. However, these are no longer binding on the bidders.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1** A “meanwhile use” of Easthampstead House will help bring activity to this end of the town centre and will provide the opportunity for small start-up businesses to have space in which to develop their business and trade. This approach enables the continued use of the building, until such a time as the wider regeneration of this and adjoining sites is planned and the site is required for this purpose.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1** There are no specific legal implications arising from the report.

Director: Finance

- 6.2** A capital provision of £1m is included in the Council's budget plans, which will no longer be required for the foreseeable future.

7 STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

8.1 None.

Background Papers

Easthampstead House Demolition – Procurement Plan

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