

# **CESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO: Cabinet**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2012
<b>Report of:</b>	Strategic Director – Places & Organisational Capacity
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	South Macclesfield Development Area – Notice of Motion
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor J Macrae

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

1.1 At its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012, Cabinet endorsed the overall outline vision and delivery strategy for the regeneration of the South Macclesfield Development Area (SMDA), a 63 hectare strategic site in the north of the Borough, which includes land in the Council's ownership.

1.2 In addition, Cabinet agreed to the commencement of work to define a set of intentions for the masterplanning process for SMDA, and to develop the procurement strategy to select a development partner through the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).

1.3 At the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 the following Notice of Motion was submitted by Cllr D Druce in relation to the South Macclesfield Development Area:

*"This Council supports the development of South Macclesfield Development Area which would deliver many regeneration and wider benefits including a new link road connecting Congleton Road and Leek Road."*

1.4 The purpose of this report is to:

1.4.1 Provide a status update in respect of the work being undertaken in pursuance of the Cabinet decision.

1.4.2 To respond to the Notice of Motion submitted to the Council by Cllr D Druce

### **2.0 Decision Requested**

2.1 That Cabinet note the status update in respect of the work being undertaken with respect to the regeneration of the South Macclesfield Development Area.

2.2 That Cabinet note the response to the Notice of Motion.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Council is fully committed to the redevelopment of South Macclesfield Development Area and the provision of new infrastructure. Work will shortly commence to masterplan the site and investigate the land use options and commercial viability of the site which will inform whether the site can proceed to delivery. Following a procurement exercise a consultancy team led by BE Group has been appointed to support the Council in this process.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 Macclesfield South and Gawsorth

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Cllr Damien Druce, Cllr Laura Jeuda and Cllr Lesley Smetham.

### **6.0 Policy Implications including – Carbon Reduction - Health**

- 6.1 No implications further to Cabinet Report of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

### **7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Director of Finance and Business Services)**

- 7.1 No implications further to Cabinet Report of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012
- 7.2 In the event that preliminary expenditure does not lead to the development of capital schemes, it will need to be written off to the revenue account.

### **8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 8.1 No implications further to Cabinet Report of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012

### **9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 A live 'Risk Matrix' is also in place and is being monitored through the course of the project using the Council's Project Management Framework.

### **10.0 Background and Options**

- 10.1 At the Cabinet Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the Council endorsed the overall decision and delivery strategy for the site, and agreed to the commencement of work as detailed.

- 10.2 Cllr D Druce submitted a Notice of Motion to Council on 19th July as follows:

*"This Council supports the development of South Macclesfield Development Area which would deliver many regeneration and wider benefits including a new link road connecting Congleton Road and Leek Road."*

- 10.3 The following response was provided to Council:

*"The Council is fully committed to the redevelopment of South Macclesfield Development Area and the provision of new infrastructure. Work is commencing shortly to masterplan the site and investigate the land use options and commercial viability of the site, which will inform whether the site can proceed to delivery."*

- 10.4 A procurement exercise has been undertaken through the Council's Matrix framework to engage a masterplanning consultancy to undertake the first phase of work this financial year. From this, a team comprising BE Group as lead consultants, working in collaboration with AECOM, have been selected to undertake the tasks.
- 10.5 A parallel procurement exercise has been undertaken through the Council's Consultancy Framework to engage with consultants to carry out the environmental appraisal of SMDA, White Young Green Planning, Environment & Design have been selected as lead consultants to carry out this work.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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