

## **EX21. DENNY TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION UPDATE**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update on the Denny Town Centre Regeneration Project including options in regard to the development of phase 2.

The Executive agreed, on 24 February 2015 (ref EX125), to remarket the phase 2 site on the basis that the Council will take responsibility for any balance outstanding for phase 2's contribution to the Denny Eastern Access Road. One offer had been received, from County Properties (Northern) Limited. The report provided an assessment of the offer which included proposals for a 23,500sq ft single storey retail unit with a second 2000 sq ft retail block and set out 3 options for consideration:-

- (1) accept the offer; or
- (2) request that the bidder reviews and resubmits their proposals; or
- (3) reject the offer

Of these, option 2 was recommended.

A timetable for the completion of phase 1 of the project was set out. As part of the development, the Council's Automated Public Convenience (APC) in the town centre was to be relocated. However, it was now proposed that the facility is closed and that officers develop an alternative option for the town centre.

The report also summarised the outcome of a consultation on the siting of the War Memorial and recommended that it remain in the Memorial Garden at Broompark on a permanent basis.

Information about the price contained in the offer formed an appendix to the report. The Executive agreed that the appendix contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and resolved that, to the extent that there required to be discussion on the detail contained therein, it would be taken in private, and the document would not be available to the press or public.

Councillor D Goldie, seconded by Councillor Blackwood, moved that the Executive:-

- (1) notes the progress of the Denny town centre regeneration project;
- (2) agrees to the closure of the Automated Public Convenience (APC) located on Stirling Street and that further proposals are developed for a comfort scheme for the town centre;
- (3) authorises the Director of Development Services to invite County Properties to provide a further submission confirming operator interest and reviewing the masterplan on the basis of the Design Guidance document provided, reporting back to the Executive on the revised proposal; and
- (4) notes the outcome of the survey on the final location for the War Memorial Plaques and agrees the continued and permanent siting in the Broompark Community Garden.

As an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Spears, moved the terms of the motion subject to the substitution of clause (3) with the following:-

- (3) rejects the offer from County Properties and agrees to withhold marketing of the Phase 2 site until completion of Phase 1.

On a division 8 members voted for the motion and 2 voted for the amendment, with voting as follows:-

For the motion (8) –Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin and Nimmo.

For the amendment (2) – Councillors Coleman and Spears.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed the motion.**