

NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – TRANSFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION**

15 MAY 2022

**AWARD OF CONTRACT DIRECTLY TO MACE CONSULTANCY TO UNDERTAKE
DEVELOPMENT OF UK SHARED PROSPERITY INVESTMENT PLAN**

<p>Authority for decision</p>	<p>Delegation Scheme in the Constitution</p> <p>Delegation of the Assistant Director – Transformation and Communication</p> <p>9. General powers delegated to all Directors and Heads of Service.</p> <p>9.16 To commission goods, services and works within approved budgets.</p> <p>Contract Procedure Rule 4.1d - The contract is for the execution of work or the supply of goods or services certified by the appropriate Senior Officer to be required so urgently as to preclude the invitation of tenders.</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>To directly award a one off contract to Mace consultancy to develop North East Derbyshire's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and support the Council to establish an appropriate delivery/management model. This will enable the District's allocation of the fund to be unlocked delivered in an appropriate manner.</p>
<p>Exemption Paragraph (if needed)</p>	<p>Not Exempt</p>
<p>Reasons</p>	<p>The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has launched the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, allocating funds to local authorities. To access these funds the Council must develop and submit an Investment Plan by 1 August 2022 that has involved and consulted with local stakeholders to shape the priorities and funding allocations.</p> <p>Publicising the contract through the Council's Intend procurement process would risk missing the deadline.</p> <p>The total cost of the contract is up to £20,000, which is fully funded by Central Government in recognition that local authorities are likely to need this additional capacity in order to meet the deadline.</p>



Alternative options considered and rejected	Consideration was given to undertaking this work in-house but the timescale and other necessary duties meant that this was not a reasonable option and exposed the Council to the risk of missing the deadline to access the funds.
Conflicts of interest and any dispensation	None

Please complete the following where relevant:

Key Decision?	No
Do General Exception or Special Urgency Rules apply to this decision?	No
Consultation has taken place with the Section 151 & Monitoring Officer?	Yes
The Leader, Deputy Leader or relevant Portfolio Member have been consulted?	Yes

Authorising Signature:

Job title: Assistant Director – Transformation and Communication

Unique Reference Number: ..DD/045/22/SL.....

Date decision may be implemented following call in (if necessary):

Circulation to:
Head of Paid Service
Monitoring Officer
Section 151 Officer
Scrutiny Officer
Internal Audit