Provision of design and professional services – Pollok Stable Block levelling up project – Award of contract under delegated approval noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee on 27th January 2022 (Print 6, page 422) approving the acceptance of £13.05m of funding from the UK Government Levelling Up Fund to progress the Pollok Country Park Stables and Courtyard project, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding delegated approval which had been awarded for a pilot procurement exercise to be undertaken to provide professional design and engineering services required for the Pollok Stable Block Levelling Up Project, advising

(1) that as this significant capital project had not factored into the capital investment pipeline, the resource and capacity to undertake the wholescale design and professional services that would be required for this project, was not currently available within the Council's Project Management & Design (PM&D) team, therefore a mechanism for the procurement of a full project design and engineering team to work with PM&D required to be identified;

(2) that there was a Framework for appointment of individual professionals and consultants, but that it did not provide the specific overall management services required in this particular case, however hub West provided a package of services which included all of the design and engineering disciplines, including the drafting of specifications, required for this project;

(3) of the background to the hub West initiative, which had been developed by the Scottish Futures Trust on behalf of the Scottish Government as a means of improving the planning, procurement and delivery of infrastructure, as detailed in the report; and

(4) that the value of the contract with hub West would be in 2 parts, and that this Council's Property and Consultancy Services would retain overall control of the project and would manage the relationship with hub West, however this would be supported by legal services and the Corporate Procurement Unit.

After consideration, the committee noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the delegated approval to appoint hub West for professional design and engineering services for the Pollok Stable Block Levelling Up project, under the Council's Scheme of Delegations – Chief Executive 32(d), as set out in the report.