

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Office Accommodation Review – Update Addendum

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1. Purpose of Report

Addendum to that previously circulated

2. Recommendations

The Committee are asked to note the additional information provided linked to Wallsend CFC as part of the wider Office Accommodation Project.

3. Details

3.1 Officers met with the Chief Operations Manager and Project Manager from the CCG on the 27th March 2017, following concerns at the protracted period of time it was taking to issue a decision on the health centre bid for Wallsend Forum.

3.2 The CCG confirmed that they had all of the information they needed to issue a decision. They had previously asked the proposal to be reprogrammed to illustrate more match funding from the developer. This had been resubmitted in late 2016, with a higher rental yield being shown by New River.

3.3 The CCG representatives were hopeful that they would now be in a position to issue a decision on the bid within a month, to allow the project to proceed. Officers received an email on Friday 31st March to confirm that a decision was expected to be made within these timescales and potentially within 2 weeks.

3.4 If the bid is approved then Officers will work with New River and the Health providers to formulate a deliverable project plan which will set out key days for :

- Design work
- Statutory consents (planning and building regulations)
- Landlord consents (to include renegotiation on the use of the second floor of the CFC)
- Construction and fit out phases
- Opening of new facility

3.5 A further report will be presented to the Committee following the outcome of the bid.