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<p>(1) Topic (one sentence description of the decision being sought)</p> <p>(2) Who will take decision</p> <p>(3) Give date or period within which decision is to be taken</p> <p>(4) Directorate contact (include e-mail and telephone)</p>	<p>(5) Principal Groups/Organisations to be consulted before decision is made</p> <p>(6) Method of consultation (external only [if applicable])</p>	<p>(7) Name of person(s) to whom representations can be made (e-mail/telephone)</p> <p>(8) When should they be made by (closing date)</p>	<p>(9) List background documents submitted to Cabinet/Cabinet Member in respect of the decision</p> <p>(10) Is this information unrestricted or exempt?</p> <p>(11) Date first entered in Notice</p>
<p>KEY 29/24/25</p> <p>(1) To approve the award of the second stage design and build contract in relation to The Bench building and surrounding public realm</p> <p>(2) Cabinet</p> <p>(3) 2 September 2024</p> <p>(4) Martin Leggatt, Regeneration Delivery Manager - martin.leggatt@dover.gov.uk; 01304 872455 or 07740 560903.</p>	<p>(5) Dover Town Regeneration and Dover Beacon Project Advisory Group. No external consultees as a series of external consultations have already taken place at appropriate project stages</p> <p>(6) Not applicable.</p>	<p>(7) Martin Leggatt - martin.leggatt@dover.gov.uk; 01304 872455 or 07740 560903</p> <p>(8) 19 August 2024</p>	<p>(9) Cabinet report and contract documents, evaluation report from Council's employer's agent</p> <p>(10) Exempt</p> <p>(11) 2 August 2024</p>
<p>Brief Details of Item: (Please provide information about the contents of this item and the reason for decision.)</p> <p>The Bench building, located in Bench Street, is the redevelopment at the heart of the Levelling Up Fund and Future Hight Streets Fund-funded latest phase of the Dover Beacon project. It comprises a creative centre, business centre and further education digital campus centre housed in a single building, which also includes a central atrium meeting space, a 'grab and go' café and a changing places toilet. The building has been designed to encourage the community to own and use both the internal communal areas and the vastly improved public realm which surrounds the building and will improve the connectivity in that part of the town centre.</p> <p>The project has been progressing at pace and has reached the stage where the contractor, Jenner Contractors Limited from Folkestone, submitted their tender sum information and detailed design in July ready for evaluation by the Council's employer's agent, Atkins Realis, in early August, followed by a decision by Cabinet on 2 September.</p>			

Deadline for Item:

(Please indicate the date and whether this is statutory, operational or to meet the requirements of another agency.)

The decision needs to be made at September's Cabinet meeting to allow an immediate start on site for the main works contract. Any delay will have adverse impacts on the overall programme that will mean the deadline for completion of 31 March 2026 will be missed.