Decision No: CMM005 – 03/08/11 Publication Date: 04/08/11 Forward Plan No: PEERCMM23781 This record relates to Agenda Item 21 on the agenda for the Decision-Making RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER KEY DECISION **DECISION-MAKER:** COUNCILLOR AMY KENNEDY **PORTFOLIO AREA:** PLANNING, EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY & REGENERATION SUBJECT: **INTERREG IV A 2 MERS SEAS ZEEN** PROGRAMME AND ADVANTA WORK PROGRAMME CONTRACT **GEOFF RAW** AUTHOR: THE DECISION That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Employment, Economy and Regeneration: Agrees that the Council should withdraw from negotiation with Avanta in (a) relation to a Work Programme placement contract for 18-24 year old job seekers in the city for reasons set out in this report; Requests the Strategic Director Place to enter into urgent discussion with (b) partners to the GAPS Project and the Interreg Delivery initiative as part of the INTERREG IV A 2 Mers Seas Zeeen programme with a view to the Council securing an alternative match funding arrangement or if unsuccessful to put in place alternative arrangements. Delegates authority to the Strategic Director Place to proceed with the (C) INTERREG Delivery initiative if an alternative match funding arrangement is secured, including entering into the relevant contractual and partnership arrangements.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

As the total contract value is over £500,000.00, it is a constitutional requirement that the Lead Cabinet Member can evaluate the risks versus the outcomes and then make the decision to sign the contracts or not based on that assessment.

In the light of contractual negotiations being exhausted with Avanta and in reviewing the financial risks to the Council.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The recommendations commit the Strategic Director of Place to explore alternative funding options for the GAPS project.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision

Date:

Decision Maker:

03 August 2011

Councillor Amy Kennedy Cabinet Member for Planning, Employment, Economy & Regeneration **Signed:**

Proper Officer:

03 August 2011

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services **Signed:**

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny 'Call-In' provisions.

Call-In Period 4-11 August 2011 Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (if applicable)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)