

DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Subject:

Cadent Final Account – Gas Pressure Reduction System

Date of Decision:

7th October 2026

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Background:

Description of exempt information

Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Public interest statement: It is not in the public interest to release details of this decision at present, on the grounds that the decision contains information that is commercially sensitive and to place the information in the public realm will be detrimental to the negotiations to be undertaken by the Council.

CCC are in contract with Cadent to relocate the Gas Pressure Reduction System (GPRS) at Chelmer Waterside to enable the development of the site for residential housing. For the construction elements of the works Cadent commissioned Morrisons Energy Services (MES). The approved budget for the GPRS was £14.57m.

The construction elements of the works were severely delayed due to flooding events due to bad weather. MES submitted compensation event claims to Cadent, during the course of the contract Cadent approved an additional £4.28m, largely as a result of the compensation event claims bringing the budget for the works to £19.1m. As the works are now due to complete a further claim was made.

Evidence of the review and justification of an additional cost of £1.2m was provided to CCC on 28th September 2026. Due to underspends on other infrastructure at Chelmer Waterside and £1.5m of land remediation not being carried out, the overall budget with the additional £1.2m will be £0.9m under the £43m capital budget approved for infrastructure works at Chelmer Waterside.

The Chief Executive agreed to spend up to an additional £1.2m as a full and final settlement for the Gas Pressure Reduction System (GPRS), to assist with enabling works to the Chelmer Waterside site.

Supporting Information:

The Mayor was consulted before making this decision and had no objection to it.