

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

27 April 2009

The meeting commenced at 11.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Robbie Payne (Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Graham Frankland, Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection
Albert Williams, Maintenance and Buildings Manager
Andy Golightly, Senior Regeneration Officer
Steven Wilkie, Landscape Architect Team Leader
David Dockree, Temporary Estates Manager
Fiona Bullen, Estates and Valuation Officer
Sally Forth, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

77. Asset Management Programme (*Head of Procurement, Public Protection and Property Services*)

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

The report was presented to provide a position statement on the management of the Council's land and property assets, to outline plans for 2009/2010 and to seek approval to the proposed property maintenance and access improvements programmes for 2009/2010.

Issues for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report presented by the Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection contained progress to date on key topics and developments and details of proposals for Corporate Planned Maintenance and Access Works for 2009/2010.

The Portfolio Holder asked about tenders for works to the Mill House Leisure Centre where boilers were required and suggested that these be put for tender together on one contract. He was informed that the building partnership (in house, R and I Construction and Gus Robinson Developments) would be responsible for the work but the boilers

required specialist installation which may be appropriate for the in-house teams. The Portfolio Holder expressed his support for the use of the in house team wherever possible.

The Portfolio Holder asked when the Mill House Leisure Centre would be upgraded to an acceptable standard and was informed that until the future of the Leisure Centre or a replacement was certain, the Leisure Centre would need some significant repairs and maintenance to keep it operational.

The Portfolio Holder queried works on the Carlton Outdoor Education Centre which had only recently undergone major renovation and was informed that these works had not been included on the original work.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder:-

- Noted the progress being made on the delivery of the Asset Management Plan including the approach to Property Performance Indicators.
- Noted the Planned Maintenance Programme (Capital and Revenue)
- Noted the continued approach to the removal of Barriers to Access at Buildings Open to the Public.
- Authorised the Head of Procurement, Public Protection and Property Services to apply flexibility in the order and value and proportions of works executed to ensure maximised benefits from the budgets available with minimised service disruption
- Agreed to receive reports for approval on any major departures from the programme that may be required

78. Proposed Relocation of the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit from 73 Jutland Road to Avenue Road Police Station and the Consequent Vacation of 65 Jutland Road *(Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection)*

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

The was presented in order to seek the Portfolio Holder's approval to relocate the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit from 73 Jutland Road and enter into an agreement to occupy accommodation within Avenue Road Police Station, Hartlepool for the service and to pursue the sale of 65 Jutland Road vacated by the Police who will move to 73 Jutland Road.

Issues for Consideration

The report set out background details in respect of the proposed relocation together with proposed terms for the occupation of accommodation within Avenue Road Police Station and the vacation of 65 Jutland Road.

Details of the financial implications of these proposed moves were set out in an exempt appendix to the report. The appendix contained exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006) namely, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The Portfolio Holder was informed of the potential savings on yearly outgoings if the Anti-Social Behaviour relocated to the Police Station and was advised of the suggested terms for this.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the relocation from 73 Jutland Road to Avenue Road Police Station and the consequent sale of 65 Jutland Road subject to the terms proposed.

79. Seaton Carew Regeneration Feasibility Framework *(Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection and Head of Regeneration)*

Type of decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

The report was given to seek the Portfolio Holder's agreement to progress procurement of additional resources towards the delivery of the Seaton Carew Regeneration Feasibility Framework.

Issues for Consideration

The report outlined the background to the feasibility framework and

variety of works being undertaken by in-house and consultant partners. The report proposed to extend one of the consultant's work to provide resources and expertise to advance a funding bid, the deadline for which had been brought forward by 6 months.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the suggested procurement procedure in order to allow the deadline for Seachange funding to be met.

80. European Union Directive on the Energy Performance of Buildings (2002/91/EC) And Proposed Revisions to the Requirement to Display Energy Performance Certificates *(Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection)*

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

The report was presented in order to update the Portfolio Holder on energy performance of buildings under current legislation and to advise the Portfolio Holder upon the implications of the proposed European Union revision to the existing Energy Performance in Buildings Directive.

Issues for Consideration

The report gave details of the requirements of the existing European Union Directive on the Energy Performance of Buildings (2002/91/EC). It also provided details of the proposals to extend the scope of the directive to display Energy Performance Certificates and provide energy advisory reports from 1 December 2010. The report also identified actions required to in order to comply with the proposed revision.

The Portfolio Holder suggested that other Officers be trained as Accredited Energy Assessors with a view to marketing the service to other organisations and Local Authorities.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the report.

81. Review of Arrangements for Efficiencies from Smarter Procurement in Local Government *(Head of*

Procurement, Property and Public Protection)

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

The report was presented in order to inform the Portfolio Holder of the findings of the Review of Arrangements for Efficiencies from Smarter Procurement in Local Government carried out by former Westminster City Council Chief Executive, Bill Roots.

Issues for Consideration

The report outlined key elements of the review which affect local authorities and some of the relevant recommendations on how improved procurement practices could achieve further efficiency savings. It had recommended engagement with the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships (RIEPs) also developing further links with Voluntary Community Sector, Small and Medium sized Enterprises and social enterprises.

The Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection informed the Portfolio Holder that a new Strategic Procurement Manager had been appointed the previous week.

The Portfolio Holder asked whether Hartlepool was currently complying with the recommendation from the review and was informed that although some aspects were already utilised, other recommendations would be taken on board. The Portfolio Holder stated that some of the Roots Review recommendations appeared to be contradictory.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the report and asked that a letter be written to the Government expressing a wish that its procurement process be scrutinised and that he would like to be involved in any scrutiny investigation.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 am.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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