FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

3 February 2011

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Robbie Payne (Finance and Procurement Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Graham Frankland, Assistant Director (Resources) Dale Clarke, Estates and Asset Manager Philip Timmins, Principal Estates Surveyor Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

42. Seaton Lane Wayleave – Estates and Asset Manager

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To seek Portfolio Holder approval to grant a drainage wayleave on land at Seaton Lane.

Issues for Consideration

The report detailed the background to the request which related to land at Seaton Lane and for which planning permission for the construction of 10 houses had been obtained. The owner had requested permission for the grant of a drainage wayleave that would allow them to connect into the main sewer via a shorter route. Terms and conditions had been discussed and these were detailed in the confidential appendix 3 of the report (para 3) information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the granting of the proposed drainage wayleave in accordance with the agreement outlined as Appendix 3 (para 3) information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of the report.

43. Disposal of Somersby Close Family Resource Centre – Assistant Director (Resources)

Type of Decision

Non Key.

Purpose of Report

To seek approval from the Portfolio Holder to proceed with the disposal of Somersby Close Family Resource Centre.

Issues for Consideration.

The report contained background to the proposal which indicated that the service department that operated out of the building had vacated on 27 January and moved to the Star Centre at Flint Walk, Throston. Although the property had been offered to other organisations no interest had been received and therefore it was proposed that this building be placed onto the open market for sale.

The Portfolio Holder queried whether the building could be converted by the Authority and was informed that this was a possibility if no interest was received in the premises, although this option would involve some capital investment.

The Portfolio Holder queried how much the Authority currently spent on bed and breakfast accommodation for the homeless and suggested that this may be a suitable use. The Portfolio Holder asked for further detailed information in relation to costs of conversion, suitability and the potential cost saving to the Council if the property was retained and reused for this purpose.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder deferred this item until information relating to costs of bed and breakfast accommodation for the homeless and that of conversion of the premises to provide bed and breakfast accommodation, be provided to him.

44. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

Under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) order 2006

Minute 45 – Jesmond Road School – this item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended Local Government (Access by the to Information)(Variation)Order 2006) namely (para 3), information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). Minute 46 - Land at Wells Street - this item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended bv Local Government (Access the to Information)(Variation)Order 2006) namely (para 3), information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

45. Jesmond Road School (Para 3) - Assistant Director (Resources)

Type of Decision

Keytest (i) and (ii) applies

Purpose of Report

To seek Portfolio Holder's approval for the sale of Jesmond Road School site.

Issues for Consideration

The report outlined the background to the sale and current situation.

Decision

This was outlined in the exempt section of the minutes

46. Land at Wells Street (para 3) – Assistant Director (Resources)

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the sale of land at Wells Street.

Issues for Consideration

The report outlined the background to the case and the current proposals.

Decision

This was outlined in the exempt section of the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10.25 am

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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