

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Executive Board Sub Committee on Thursday, 25 January 2007 in the Marketing Suite, Municipal Building

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chairman), Harris and Nelson

Apologies for Absence: (none)

Absence declared on Council business: (none)

Officers present: G. Ferguson, J. Unsworth, E. Scott, P. Searing and S Rourke

Also in attendance: (none)

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Action

ES67 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2006 and 11th January were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND REGENERATION PORTFOLIO

ES68 NEW TERM CONTRACT FOR SURFACE TREATMENTS APRIL 2007 TO POTENTIALLY MARCH 2017

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO

ES69 DISPOSAL OF FORMER DAY NURSERY SITE, OKELL STREET, RUNCORN

The Sub-Committee considered a report which sought approval to dispose of the former Day Nursery Site at Okell Street, Runcorn.

It was anticipated that the sale would produce a

capital receipt in excess of £50,000. Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, required local authorities to achieve the best possible consideration when disposing of land and property interests. To ensure this, other potential uses of property would be examined, following which the property would be extensively marketed.

RESOLVED: that

(1) approval be given to dispose of the property by private treaty following a marketing exercise, and

(2) approval be delegated to the Strategic Director Corporate and Policy to accept the highest offer with the details being reported to the Sub-Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Strategic Director
Corporate and
Policy

ENVIRONMENT LEISURE AND SPORT PORTFOLIO

ES70 INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND RECYCLING UNITS

The Sub-Committee was advised on four quotations received from Contractors to carry out excavation work for the installation of underground recycling units.

In considering the quotations received, it was proposed that the quote from Paddison Construction of £18,869.48 be accepted for the following reasons:

(i) none of the other companies had direct experience of undertaking similar work;

(ii) the requested work was very specialist and not just a standard excavation;

(iii) when considering the variation in quotes there was uncertainty that the companies without the relevant experience completely understood the job specification;

(iv) Paddison Construction Limited had the most relevant experience, having undertaken excavation work for several hundred underground tanks, including 90% of the underground tanks in the UK;

(v) Paddison Construction was the appointed contractor of the Unit Manufacturers and used for installations of the underground unit following excavation;

(vi) if problems occurred during the excavations it was felt that they would be able to deal with them much more

efficiency due to their wealth of experience.

Due to the reasons outlined above, it was requested that Standing Orders be waived and Paddison Construction be appointed to carry out these works.

RESOLVED: That

(1) for the reasons stated in the report, the quotation submitted by Paddison Construction Limited, be accepted and the Operational Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Environment, Leisure and Sport, be authorised to make the necessary arrangements to enter into a contract with that company;

(2) Standing Order 4.1 of the Procurement Standing Orders be waived accordingly.

Strategic Director
Environment

ES71 INVITATION TO TENDER FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT RELATED CONTRACTS

The Sub-Committee considered a report which sought authority to carry out all the necessary steps in relation to the procurement of the following contracts:

(i) Landfill Disposal; and

(ii) Interim arrangements for the Management and Operation of Recycling and Household Waste Centres; (Civic Amenity Sites).

The Council's contractual arrangements for all Landfill Disposal and the Management and Operation of the Civic Amenity Sites end on 31st January 2008 and authority was sought to put in place contractual arrangements for these services as from 1st February 2008.

At its meeting on 21st September 2006, the Executive Board resolved that a formal partnership with the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority be established for the procurement of appropriate Waste Treatment and Disposal for Services and Facilities. (EXB40/2006 refers).

The Council was to be included in the joint procurement arrangements for the management and operation of the Council's Civic Amenity Sites as from October 2008, but not the Landfill Disposal Contract as the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) had already issued an OJEU Notice and PQQ for Landfill Disposal. The

Council's Consultants had not finalised their advice to the Council as to future arrangements with the MWDA and as such a number of contingencies had to be provided.

The Landfill Disposal Contract would commence on 1st February 2008. Halton would seek to participate with the MWDA on joint landfill disposal arrangements at the first opportunity. Given the review periods within the MWDA contract, the period of contract could be between 5 years and 8 months and 8 years and 8 months. The estimated value was as follows:

- Estimated annual value - £621.000;
- Estimated value for 5 years and 8 months
- £3.90m
- Estimated value for 8 years and 8 months
- £6.98m

With regard to the provision of interim arrangements for the management and operation of recycling and household waste centre (Civic Amenity Sites), it was proposed that the estimated value from 1st February 2008 for a period of 8 months would be £690,000 (excluding Landfill Tax), based on the existing specification.

Despite the position set out above, the Council's consultants were still evaluating the process of integrating into the arrangements being prepared by the MWDA. There were a number of potential outcomes of that evaluation which could impact on the Council's proposals for either or both of the contracts, details of which and the possible contingency arrangements were outlined in the report.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the Operational Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services, be authorised in consultation with the Portfolioholder for Environment, Leisure and Sport, to proceed with the procurement process as outlined in the report and to take all steps deemed appropriate (including the selection of tenderers) up to the point of receipt of tenders;

(2) the tenders be reported back to the Executive Board Sub Committee for decision;

(3) should negotiations with the MWDA result in a conclusion that the subject matter of proposed Landfill Disposal Contract (Contract A) could be included within arrangements being entered into by the MWDA, the

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Operational Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services, shall be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolioholder for Environment, Leisure and Sport, to negotiate with the MWDA on that basis and shall be authorised to proceed with Contract A on the basis of the same contract period as proposed in Contract B; and

(4) subject to the sanction of the European Commission to the non- application of the Public Procurement Rules, authority be given to negotiate extensions to Contracts A and/or B.

MINUTES ISSUED: 2nd February 2007

CALL IN: 8th February 2007

Any matter decided by the Executive Board Sub Committee may be called in no later than 8th February 2007

Meeting ended at 10.53 a.m