

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Executive Board Sub Committee on Thursday, 7 June 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, E. Dawson, D. Hall, P. Searing and M. Winstanley

Also in attendance: (none)

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

		<i>Action</i>
ES1	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The Minutes of the meetings held on 8th February, 22nd February, 15th March and 29th March 2007, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.</p> <p>CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO</p>	
ES2	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>The Sub-Committee was advised that a matter had arisen which required immediate attention by the Sub-Committee because in this case a decision was required before the date of the next meeting due to the need to identify the area as a displacement site for businesses affected by Widnes Waterfront EDZ (Minute ES124 refers), therefore pursuant to Section 100B (4) and 100E Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman ruled that the item be considered as a matter of urgency.</p>	
ES3	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2006/07 4TH QUARTER: JANUARY TO MARCH</p>	

The Sub-Committee considered a report which reviewed activities in Treasury Management for 4th Quarter 2006/07.

It was noted that all policy guidelines including the prudential indicators had been complied with.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

ES4 CAPITAL RECEIPTS DETERMINATION

Since the introduction of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989, Local Authorities had not been able to spend 100% of their capital receipts received each year.

The legislation required that some of the receipt was set aside to be used to be transferred to central government under pooling arrangements.

The calculation for Halton for 2006/07 was detailed in the report. The minimum percentages had been set aside, as this left a maximum amount available to help finance the authority's capital programme.

RESOLVED: That the figures outlined in the report be set aside from the capital receipts for 2006/07.

Strategic Director
– Corporate and
Policy

N.B COUNCILLOR NELSON DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE ITEM AS A BOARD MEMBER OF HALTON HOUSING TRUST.

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ES5 PURCHASE OF NEW INTEGRATED PASSENGER BOOKING AND VEHICLE SCHEDULING SOFTWARE

The Sub-Committee was advised on five tenders received to provide a new Integrated Passenger Booking and Vehicle Scheduling Software System. The tenders were appraised using a pre-qualification questionnaire and a pre-determined assessment criteria (which was included with the tender documents – based on price and quality criteria), with each tenderer being assessed out of a maximum possible score of 270 points.

Following comprehensive checks which were carried out into the technical capabilities of the proposed new

system, full company credit checks of the chosen supplier, and good references from other organisations, it was proposed that the tender be awarded to Logical Transport Limited. Although the tender from Logical Transport Limited was not the lowest price they had a product that met the Council's demands and which could be integrated into the Halton Direct Link Call Centre software.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee note the decision by the Operational Director (Highways and Transportation) to award the Contract for the supply of a new Integrated Passenger Booking and Vehicle Scheduling Software System to Logical Transport Limited for £107,370 (including a three year fully inclusive maintenance agreement).

Strategic Director
Environment

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ES6 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Committee considered:

- (1) whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Committee during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- (2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it is likely that, in

view of the nature of the business, exempt information will be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

ES7 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT JOHNSON'S LANE, WIDNES

The Sub-Committee considered a report which sought approval for the disposal of land at Johnsons Lane, Widnes to Widnes Regeneration Limited.

It was noted that a restrictive covenant would be included on the disposal of land preventing residential use. In addition, an update report would be brought back to the Sub Committee detailing the outcome of the District Valuer's findings on the value of the land.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a restrictive covenant be included on the disposal of land preventing residential use;
- (2) an update report be brought back detailing the outcome of the District Valuer's findings on the value of the land; and
- (3) approval be given to dispose of the land as identified on the plan to Widnes Regeneration Limited.

Strategic Director
– Corporate and
Policy

MINUTES ISSUED: 15th June 2007

CALL IN: 21st June 2007

Any matter decided by the Executive Board Sub Committee may be called in no later than 21st June 2007

Meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.