

Cabinet

Tuesday 29 March 2011

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Pengelly, in the Chair.

Councillor Fry, Vice Chair.

Councillors Bowyer, Jordan, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Mrs Watkins and Wigans.

Also in attendance: Anthony Payne (Acting Chief Executive), Adam Broome (Director for Corporate Support), Bronwen Lacey (Director of Services for Children and Young People), Richard Bara (Urban Planning Coordinator), Paul Barnard (Assistant Director for Planning Services), Philip Heseltine (Head of Transport Strategy), Tony Hopwood (Programmes Director), Tim Howes (Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance), Sunita Mills (Transport Strategy and Spatial Development Controller), Stuart Palmer (Assistant Director for Strategic Housing), Clive Perkin (Assistant Director for Transport) and Chris Randall (Finance Client Manager (Capital and Major Projects)).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Brookshaw and Monahan

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.25 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Cabinet will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

124. **VOTE OF THANKS**

The Leader extended her thanks to Cabinet Members for their work during the year. She commented that a tremendous amount of work had been undertaken and she also thanked all the officers who had contributed during the year, for their hard work.

Councillor Fry highlighted the time spent by the Leader on affairs of the city and, on behalf of Cabinet Members, thanked her for her leadership.

125. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the code of conduct, Councillor Sam Leaves declared a personal interest in minute 136, on the Health and Wellbeing Board, as an employee of the National Health Service.

126. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2011 are confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendment of minute 123 (Mount Edgcumbe 2011/12 – 2013/14 Budget Setting) by the addition of a second decision, so that the decision reads –

Agreed that –

(1) the actions detailed in the Joint Committee report are agreed;

(2) if additional funding was secured for 2011/12, the posts now identified, may be retained.'

127. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public, for this meeting.

128. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Chair's urgent business.

129. **MARKET RECOVERY SCHEME 2011-2012**

The Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a report on a proposal to continue the market recovery measures, which were approved by Cabinet on 15 December 2009 (minute 99 (2009/10) refers).

Councillor Fry (Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development) introduced the report and indicated that, following an analysis of the economic and property market, it was suggested that conditions would remain fragile, thereby contributing to the challenging prospects for development viability in both commercial and residential property sectors.

It was proposed that the new Market Recovery Scheme would enhance the existing scheme to give greater encouragement to economic development and job creation.

Councillor Fry thanked Paul Barnard (Assistant Director for Planning Services) for his expertise and leadership through these difficult times.

Agreed the 2011/12 Market Recovery Scheme for planning applications submitted by 31 March 2012, as set out in the appendix to the written report.

130. **PLYMOUTH GROWTH FUND**

The Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a report on a proposal to establish a Plymouth Growth Fund to be built up over time to make the best use of available regeneration resources including government initiatives, Council and wider public assets as well as private sector investment.

Councillor Fry (Cabinet Member for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development) introduced the report and highlighted the range of measures being proposed with a view to generating the capacity to attract investment and provide essential funding for regeneration projects. Cabinet Members were advised that -

- (a) in the first instance, it was proposed to ring fence the New Homes Bonus to create the fund;

- (b) consideration would be given to whether a transfer of Regional Development Agency assets was appropriate into the growth fund and would be the subject of a separate decision in the future;
- (c) in addition and to ensure delivery of the New Homes Bonus, it was proposed that all the agreed sites, supporting the creation of a Local Housing Company, would be used to support Registered Providers' Bids to the government's new Affordable Homes Programme 2011 – 2015, the deadline for which was 3 May 2011.

Agreed –

- (1) the establishment of a Plymouth Growth Fund from the financial and land resources outlined in the report, with appropriate procedures agreed with Portfolio Holders for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development, and Finance, Property, People and Governance, to be administered by the Director for Development and Regeneration;
- (2) to ring fence the New Homes Bonus as part of the Growth Fund and to undertake necessary due diligence into the proposed Regional Development Agency asset transfer;
- (3) the use of all of the Local Housing Company allocated sites in support of Registered Providers' bids for the new affordable housing funding framework, to be delegated to the Assistant Director for Strategic Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development, and Finance, Property, People and Governance.

131. **CENTRAL PARK MASTERPLAN OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS AND DELIVERY PLAN**

The Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a written report seeking the adoption of a new masterplan for Central Park, detailing environmental enhancements, together with a delivery plan, setting out the programme and funding strategy to deliver the commitments set out in Policy CP04 of the Central Park Area Action Plan.

The report indicated that the document had been the subject of extensive public consultation and that responses had been unprecedented in their support for the initiative. An independent critical review of the masterplan had also been undertaken by the Campaign for Architecture and the Built Environment who had supported the principles of the masterplan and had offered advice which had informed the final document.

Councillor Michael Leaves (Cabinet Member for Community Services (Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability)) welcomed the report and, in particular, recommendation (5), proposing the establishment of a community forum.

Cabinet Members highlighted the need for a refreshment facility near the children's play area, as soon as possible, and officers undertook to look at the early provision of such a facility.

Agreed –

- (1) the Central Park Masterplan of Environment Enhancement together with its delivery plan, as set out in the report;
- (2) to establish a Central Park Executive Board comprising the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development and Community Services, and the Portfolio Holder for Finance, with authority to agree any variations to the masterplan consistent with the six strategic objectives for Central Park;
- (3) to instruct the Assistant Director of Development and Regeneration (Planning Services) to assemble a Central Park Delivery Team from existing resources (to include representation from Community Services, Finance and Asset Management), in consultation with the relevant directors, reporting to the Central Park Executive Board referred to in recommendation (2) above;
- (4) to instruct officers to work up a business case to ensure the financial sustainability of the ongoing operational costs, maintenance and upkeep, in line with capital developments at Central Park;
- (5) to instruct officers to investigate the establishment of a Community Forum with ward councilors, to foster and maintain the relationships already made with the community, stakeholders and with the Friends of Central Park.

132. **PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: CONTRACT AWARD**

With reference to minutes 31 and 33 (2008/09) that gave approval to the outline business case on the Future Management Options of Plymouth Leisure Facilities, the Director for Community Services submitted a written report indicating that the Preferred Bidder had been selected by the Plymouth Life Centre and Leisure Related Projects Executive Programme Board and seeking approval, from Cabinet, to the award of the Plymouth City Council Leisure Management Contract.

Councillor Bowyer (Cabinet Member for Finance, Property, People and Governance) introduced the report and drew the attention of Cabinet Members to the confidential contract award report, referred to in minute 144 below. He also reported that the proposal had been considered by the Customer and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel which had welcomed the proposal.

Tony Hopwood (Programmes Director) reported on the Preferred Bidder and indicated that, it was anticipated that the savings, along with life cycle costs included as part of the contract, would more than exceed the Sport England funding requirements.

Tim Howes (Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance) advised Cabinet Members that authority should be delegated to the Chair of the Executive Programme Board and that the recommendations should be amended accordingly.

Agreed –

- (1) to note the selection of the Preferred Bidder by the Executive Programme Board and to approve award of the Plymouth City Council Leisure Management Contract to Sports and Leisure Management Ltd with the resolution of final clarifications being delegated to the Chair of the Executive Programme Board;
- (2) to delegate authority to the Chair of the Executive Programme Board for the engagement of Sports and Leisure Management Ltd to develop and implement early mobilisation plans, as facilitated by the procurement process;
- (3) to delegate authority to the Chair of the Executive Programme Board to ensure that any contract savings are available to be used to offset future life cycle replacement costs to meet the Sport England funding requirements of the Plymouth Life Centre. This will be dependent on the final contract price and the profiling of it for each year, and other Council priorities.

133. **PAVILIONS FUTURE OPTIONS**

With reference to minutes 85 and 88 that gave approval to a soft market testing exercise through the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), the Director for Community Services submitted a written report indicating that, following the exercise, it was considered that there was a viable and deliverable private sector solution that would enable the re-provision of arena and ice facilities and maintain continuity, so far as was reasonably practicable, pending re-provision.

Councillor Bowyer (Cabinet Member for Finance, Property, People and Governance) submitted the proposal to progress to the procurement of a private sector development partner.

Tim Howes (Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance) advised Cabinet Members that authority should be delegated to the Chair of the Executive Programme Board and that the recommendation should be amended accordingly.

Agreed –

- (1) that officers are instructed to progress the procurement of a private sector development partner through the OJEU;
- (2) to delegate the authority for the management and direction of the project to the Chair of the Plymouth Life Centre and Leisure Related Projects Executive Programme Board;
- (3) that the outcome of this exercise will be presented to a future Cabinet meeting for a final decision.

134. **INVEST TO SAVE INITIATIVES AND FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The Corporate Management Team submitted a written report seeking approval of four invest to save schemes, the continuation of the Carefirst project, and an increase in capital and revenue resources for highway maintenance and coastal management / flood defence projects.

The report also proposed a change to the technical method for calculating the costs of supported borrowing within the statutory accounts and sought further changes to fees and charges.

Councillor Bowyer (Cabinet Member for Finance, Property, People and Governance) submitted the proposals and referred to supplementary reports that had been submitted on the procurement 'invest to save' proposal, including a confidential contract award report (referred to in minute 147 below).

Councillor Wiggins (Cabinet Member for Transport) reported on the highways proposals and referred to additional funding that had been received from the government which would be spent entirely on pot holes.

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) reported on the proposals relating to children's services.

The Chair referred to the proposal for free use of Tinside Pool and the Director for Corporate Support undertook to look at the possibility of providing refreshment facilities (and other franchises) at the pool.

Chris Randall (Finance Client Manager (Capital and Major Projects)) reported that, arising from the recent notification of additional monies for highway maintenance, the following amendments were required –

- (a) paragraph 6.3 (page 77 of the agenda papers) - the estimated spend was reduced from £1.2m to £760k;

- (b) paragraph 6.4 (page 77 of the agenda papers) – the contract break point was likely to be significantly less than £100k;
- (c) recommendation 5 would require amendment to reflect the increase in government funding.

Agreed that the City Council is Recommended to –

- (1) approve the commencement of the Parent and Child Assessment ‘invest to save’ project and that this be financed from the Council’s revenue ‘invest to save’ reserve £0.073m in 2011/12 and £0.010m in 2012/13;
- (2) approve the inclusion of the Autistic Spectrum Disorder ‘invest to save’ project in the 2011/12 capital programme at an estimated cost of £0.657m to be financed from a mixture of general fund reserves and schools balances;
- (3) approve the continuation of the Carefirst project and to increase the capital programme for this project by £0.831m in 2010/11, £0.832m in 2011/12, £0.106m in 2012/13, £0.177m in 2013/14 and £0.377m in 2014/15. The revenue costs are estimated to be £1.006m in 2010/11, £0.425m in 2011/12, £0.399m in 2012/13, £0.400m in 2013/14 and £0.400m in 2014/15. Officers have now identified costs being incurred in 2010/11 (mentioned above) which could be treated as capital and would therefore allow the Council more flexibility in its financing options. Funding towards the project has been identified from existing revenue and capital budgets, however there will be temporary shortfalls totalling £0.600m which will need to be met from the revenue invest to save reserve;
- (4) approve the Accommodation Strategy Phase 2 ‘invest to save’ project and to increase the capital programme for this project by £2.106m in 2011/12, £1.008m in 2012/13 and £0.500m in 2013/14 to be financed from capital receipts and temporary unsupported borrowing;
- (5) approve an increase in the transport capital and revenue allocation (from 2010/11 levels) towards highway maintenance (which includes ‘pot hole’ maintenance) of £1.003m. This will be financed from an estimated increase in revenue government grant of £0.433m and a reallocation within the transport capital programme approved at 28 February 2011 Council from the ‘integrated transport block’ and street lighting maintenance;
- (6) approve an increase in the development capital programme for 2011/12 of £0.581m towards flood and coastal erosion schemes following the award of external grant funding;

- (7) approve that the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2010/11 and 2011/12 is amended to reflect option 1 (the regulatory method) for borrowing supported by the government through the revenue support grant mechanism;
- (8) approve the delaying of changes to fees and charges relating to the adult social care 'fairer charging' policy until July 2011. This is due to the review of all clients not being completed until the end of June 2011;
- (9) approve making the use of Tinside pool free to all users during the summer of 2011;
- (10) consider the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, following referral of the 'invest to save' projects to the Management Board on 6 April 2011, to reflect previous recommendations for scrutiny involvement in 'invest to save' projects;
- (11) amend the revenue budget to include the procurement 'invest to save' proposal of £758,100.

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Agreed that –

- (12) subject to Council approving the budget allocation for the procurement 'invest to save' project, a contract is awarded for the project, to Tenderer 2, on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender;
- (13) the final detailed scheme approval of the Development capital programme for 2011/12 towards flood and coastal erosion schemes is delegated to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment, in consultation with the Director for Development and Regeneration, following the business case sign-off by the Capital Delivery Board.

135. **ALLOTMENT SERVICE REVIEW - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CUSTOMERS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

The Director for Community Services submitted a written report on the proposed response to the recommendations from the Customer and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel on the allotment service (minute 58 refers). The recommendations had been approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 26 January 2011.

Councillor Michael Leaves (Cabinet Member for Community Services (Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability)) reported on the proposed response.

Agreed that –

- (1) recommendation (1) that the panel support all efforts being made to find additional land for allotment plots and recommend all channels are explored including direct discussions with public and private land owners e.g. the National Trust, is noted;
- (2) in response to recommendation (2) that officers establish the funding available in the medium term to contribute towards the allotment service from capital receipts and Section 106 monies, the panel is advised that parks services' officers will progress development opportunities and seek funding for allotments from developments when they arise;
- (3) in response to recommendation (3) that rents are reviewed on an annual basis but any rent increase should not be such to disadvantage enterprise and other groups using the allotments (for example schools, community groups, groups with special needs, those on low incomes and also making good use of the neighbourhood profiles), the panel is advised that allotment rents are reviewed and benchmarked nationally. Before any price increases were implemented, an Equality Impact Assessment would be carried out to consider the impact on any groups;
- (4) in response to recommendation (4) that a review of the plot sizes is undertaken, the panel is advised that it has been found that half plots are more useful for allotment holders and are preferred by them. Officers are progressing the issuing of half plots when full plots become available and all new plots dedicated on all sites are half plots.

136. **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

The Director for Community Services, the Director of Services for Children and Young People and the Assistant Chief Executive submitted a written report updating Cabinet on some of the key elements of the NHS Health and Social Care Bill published on 19 January 2011 –

- strengthening commissioning of NHS Services;
- increasing democratic accountability and public voice;
- liberating provision on NHS services;
- strengthening public health services;
- reforming health and care arm's length bodies.

The report set out the next steps and sought approval to the development work that would now take place to address this agenda and changes.

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) indicated that Councillor Monahan (Cabinet Member for Adult Health and Social Care) was currently receiving training on the role of the Health and Wellbeing Boards and that she would also receive training in due course. She had recently had a successful meeting with Sentinel, the new commissioning group, which represented all the general practitioners in the city (with the exception of one) and south east Cornwall.

Agreed that Cabinet –

- (1) note the content of the Health and Social Care Bill with particular regard to Health and Wellbeing Boards and the government's decision to significantly strengthen the role of local authorities with respect to health integration;
- (2) note and support the work to become an early adopter and the establishment of a shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and delegate the authority to take this work forward to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Health and Social Care, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, the Director for Community Services, the Director of Services for Children and Young People and the Monitoring Officer;
- (3) note and support the work to become a Local Healthwatch Pathfinder and delegate responsibility to take this work forward as in recommendation (2) above;
- (4) note that the Council will need to consider the future of its scrutiny arrangements in relation to the changes detailed in this report;
- (5) also note that changes will be required to the city's partnership framework in respect of the Plymouth 2020 Partnership to reflect and incorporate the changes detailed in this report.

(Councillor Sam Leaves having declared a personal interest, did not vote on the above item).

137. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2011-2014**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a written report on the draft Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2014, indicating -

- (a) that the draft plan focused on how agencies would work together to deliver priorities specifically in relation to children, young people and families;
- (b) that the officer's report outlined the key successes from the Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011, that had been achieved by Trust partners, as a result of working together;

- (c) the proposed priorities agreed by the Plymouth Children and Young People's Trust Board on 10 December 2010;
- (d) that following approval of the plan, detailed delivery plans would be developed for each priority outlining the commissioning intentions across agencies, to be published in June/July 2011.

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) highlighted that there had been a number of consultation events with children, young people, parents and practitioners in the city and that their views had been incorporated into the plan.

She indicated that the biggest challenge for the future was raising aspirations and attainment.

Agreed the final Plymouth Children and Young People's Plan 2011 -2014 and to refer it to Full Council for formal adoption, to enable development of the detailed delivery plans, outlining the commissioning intentions across all key partners.

138. **SURE START CHILDREN'S CENTRE TENDER AWARD**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a written report indicating that the contracts for eight of the Sure Start Children's Centres had been put through a tendering exercise. This tender had now been completed and the recommended contract award value was £7,727,254, for three years, separated into the eight contracts. The full details of the proposed contract award were set out in a confidential report referred to in minute 145 below.

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) reported on the proposal.

Agreed that having assessed the tender through the Quality Price Evaluation Framework, contracts are awarded for a three year period to commence 1 July 2011 and to end 30 June 2014 as set out in the confidential report referred to in minute 145 below.

139. **COST AND VOLUME FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTERING PLACEMENTS TENDER AWARD**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a written report on the outcome of a tender to provide framework contracts for the provision of independent sector fostering placements to Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and Torbay Council. The report set out the process undertaken and recommended suppliers for contract award. The full financial details of the proposed contract award were set out in a confidential report referred to in minute 146 below.

Agreed that a Cost and Volume Framework Contract is awarded for the delivery of fostering placements to the prequalified Independent Fostering Agencies detailed in the separate confidential paper for the period of three years.

140. **PLYMOUTH'S THIRD LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - ADOPTION**

The Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a written report seeking formal adoption of Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan for the period 2011 – 2026.

The report provided a summary of feedback received following a 12 week consultation period and indicated that the draft plan had been updated to reflect the comments.

Councillor Wiggins (Cabinet Member for Transport) advised Cabinet Members that the plan provided a strategy to ensure the best use of land and assets. He referred to –

- the reconfiguration of the Manadon interchange which had increased traffic flow;
- measures to entice people to make greater use of public transport;
- the Eastern Corridor Transport Scheme which was a key scheme in the programme; and
- the reliability of public transport, which was a key issue, and indicated that he, and officers, were working with the bus and rail companies to improve the position.

In response to a question from Cabinet Members, Clive Perkin (Assistant Director for Transport) indicated that it was his intention to increase the deployment of camera cars to address illegally parked cars around schools.

Agreed Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan as the transport strategy for Plymouth for the next 15 years and to submit it to Full Council for formal adoption.

(In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair took the Chair for this item).

141. **RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ON PLYMOUTH ARGYLE MATCH DAYS**

The Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a written report indicating that the Customer and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel had recommended a review of the traffic management arrangements for Plymouth Argyle match days (minute 59 of the panel refers).

The report indicated that -

- (a) a full pre season review of the traffic management arrangement had been undertaken in July/August 2010, following a change in policing arrangements;
- (b) the Council's responsibilities extended only to the management of the public highway, whilst the football club managed the car park and arrangements for the management of the car park perimeter road were decided between the police and the football club;
- (c) the performance of the traffic management arrangements had been monitored during the opening weeks of the 2010/11 football season and adjustments had been made to the traffic signals during this time. The plan had been judged to have been successful although the time taken to clear the car park had increased to approximately 30 minutes;
- (d) the current arrangement would be reviewed following the 2010/11 season and after the new car park junction was installed as part of the Plymouth Life Centre works which would provide a 'fit for purpose' junction enabling better traffic management.

In response to a question from Cabinet Members, Clive Perkin (Assistant Director for Transport) indicated that it was his intention to increase the deployment of the camera car to address illegally parked cars around schools.

Agreed that no further review of the traffic management arrangements is undertaken until the new car park junction, part of the Plymouth Life Centre development, has been completed in 2011.

142. **HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE - RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REPORT**

With reference to minute 93 that gave approval to further work being undertaken to identify what, if any of the recommendations from the Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel, following its review of highways maintenance, would be appropriate to take forward, the Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a written report detailing the actions that had been taken since that report.

Clive Perkin (Assistant Director for Transport) also referred to the increased expenditure on highway maintenance that had been reported earlier in the meeting and was referred to in recommendation (5) of minute 134 above.

Agreed that the progress made on the scrutiny panel's recommendations is noted.

143. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

144. **LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AWARD**

The Director for Community Services submitted a written report on the contract award for the Plymouth City Council Leisure Management Contract, detailing the procurement and tender evaluation processes.

(See minute 132 above).

145. **SURE START CHILDREN'S CENTRE TENDER AWARD**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a written report on the full details of the proposed contract award for the following -

Ernesettle and Honicknowle Children's Centre
East End, Mutley and Greenbank, and Mount Gould Children's Centre
Devonport and Stoke Children's Centre
Morice Town, Ford and Keyham Children's Centre
City Centre and Stonehouse Children's Centre
North Prospect and Ham Children's Centre
Beacon Park, Pennycross and Manadon Children's Centre
Peverell, Hartley, Mannamead and Higher Compton Children's Centre

(See minute 138 above).

146. **COST AND VOLUME FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTERING PLACEMENTS TENDER AWARD**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a report on the full financial details of the proposed contract award to provide framework contracts for the provision of fostering placements to Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and Torbay Council.

(See minute 139 above).

147. **'INVEST TO SAVE' INITIATIVES - CONTRACT AWARD - PROCUREMENT SUPPORT PROJECT**

The Corporate Management Team submitted a contract award report on the procurement support project, detailing the tender and evaluation processes.

(See minute 134 above).