

CABINET MINUTES 38, 38A AND 45 OF 3 SEPTEMBER 2013

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CIVIC CENTRE AND FUTURE ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

Minute 38

Anthony Payne (Director for Place) and David Trussler (Interim Director for Corporate Services) submitted a report seeking authority to award the contract for the redevelopment of the Civic Centre and adjoining car park to the preferred bidder, to agree where services and staff will be relocated following an options appraisal, to agree the financial resources and to ask the City Council to agree capital resources.

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) introduced the proposals and computer generated images of the proposals relating to the Civic Centre were shown to Cabinet. It was emphasised that the proposals were subject to further work and planning considerations and Councillor Lowry hoped that the public would be provided with an opportunity to express their views.

Cabinet Members welcomed –

- (a) the new jobs that would be created;
- (b) the improvements to the Civic Centre building;
- (c) the proposed new Arts Centre;
- (d) the improved working and IT facilities for staff; and
- (e) the improved environment for the city which would create a causeway from the City Centre to the Hoe.

Cabinet Members' attention was also drawn to the separate private report, referred to in minute 45 below, which included commercially sensitive information.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Minute 53 of the Co-operative Scrutiny Board of 21 August 2013 was also submitted endorsing the recommendations in the written reports and seeking an update in three months' time with further information to be provided as set out in the minute.

The Chair expressed his gratitude to Les Allen (Transformation Programmes Manager) and Alwyn Thomas (Civic Centre Project Director) (who were in attendance at the meeting) for their work on this project.

Agreed –

- (1) to award the contract for the re-development of the Civic Centre to Resurgam (West End) Limited, being the party selected as preferred bidder following the public procurement exercise;
- (2) the preferred locations for services to be redeployed to and the assets for redevelopment / lease, to support services decanting from the Civic Centre identified in the private report referred to in minute 45 below;
- (3) the revenue budgets to achieve decant of the Civic Centre as identified within the private report referred to in minute 45 below;
- (4) to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance to award contracts and approve leases within the agreed budget to redevelop the facilities identified within the private report referred to in minute 45 below.

Minute 38a

Further to minute 38 above, the City Council is Recommended to agree appropriate capital budgets to achieve decant of the Civic Centre, as identified within the private report referred to in minute 45 below.

Minute 45 (Exempt Business E3)

Further to minutes 38 and 38a above, Anthony Payne (Director for Place) and David Trussler (Interim Director for Corporate Services) submitted a private report relating to the contract for the redevelopment of the Civic Centre and adjoining car park and future accommodation requirements for the City Council, which contained commercially sensitive information.

Note:

The full report in connection with this minute is available on the website

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or by contacting Democratic Support on 01752 304867