

Cabinet

Tuesday 29 April 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Evans, in the Chair.

Councillor Peter Smith, Vice Chair.

Councillors Coker, Lowry, McDonald, Penberthy, Vincent and Williams.

Also in attendance: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People), Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place), Emma Crowther (Commissioning Officer), David Draffan (Assistant Director for Economic Development), Ian Ellis (Network Policy Manager), Patrick Hartop (Interim Head of City Deal), Peter Honeywell (Transformation Programmes Manager) and Nicola Kirby (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.00 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.

131. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct in relation to items under consideration at this meeting.

132. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2014.

133. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

One question was submitted by a member of the public for this meeting, in accordance with Part B, paragraph 11 of the Constitution.

In the absence of the questioner, a written response would be sent to him as set out below

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Question No	Question By	Cabinet Member	Subject
18 (13/14)	Mr F E Sharpe	Councillor Lowry, Cabinet Member for Finance	Planned disposal of Downham School site at Plymstock
Please could it be disclosed how many representations from the public Plymouth City Council have received regarding their planned disposal of the Downham School site at Plymstock.			
Response: We have received 20 representations regarding the site. Redacted copies of these were sent to you on 19 February in response to your Freedom of Information request.			

134. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

135. **CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT**

Giles Perritt (Head of Policy, Performance and Partnerships) submitted a report tracking progress of the outcomes in the Corporate Plan, highlighting both cause for celebration as well as delays and issues requiring corrective action. The report provided details for the fourth quarter, to 31 March 2014, and had also been discussed at the Co-operative Scrutiny Board on 23 April 2014.

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) introduced the report, highlighting some areas of success and outstanding issues and indicating that the low carbon plan would be available by the end of the next quarter.

Peter Honeywell (Transformation Programmes Manager) reported that in the future the success of competitive bids for funding would be monitored.

Councillor Evans (Council Leader) thanked Tracey Lee (Chief Executive), the senior management team, and all staff for their work towards the delivery of the outstanding results. He also thanked Peter Honeywell and his team for their work in monitoring progress.

Agreed the report.

136. **CITY DEAL UPDATE**

Patrick Hartop (Interim Head of City Deal) reported on the progress of the Plymouth and South West Peninsula City Deal which would deliver economic growth in the south west in exchange for the government devolving powers and funding. It was predicted that 9,500 permanent jobs would be created by 2030.

The deal would deliver -

- (a) a marine industries production campus led by South Yard in Plymouth enabling the growth of the marine sector across the peninsula;
- (b) tailored business support programmes to all small and medium enterprises and marine sector companies through the Peninsula City Deal Growth Hub;
- (c) a Deal for Young People that would tackle youth unemployment in Plymouth and the peninsula.

The progress to date included –

- (d) the recruitment of an Interim Head of City Deal (Patrick Hartop);
- (e) £5m secured from the Council's Investment Fund to help develop the Marine Industries Production Campus;
- (f) the establishment of a South Yard Programme Board with the Ministry of Defence to oversee the transfer of land to Plymouth City Council and to develop over 32,000 square metres of new marine workspace;
- (g) £2.5m received from the Department for Works and Pensions to set up the largest wage progression pilot in the country that would increase earnings of young people and include the recruitment of case workers to support 1500 young people into work;
- (h) the Growth Hub which had already launched three services including
 - a £3.2m grant scheme for small businesses;
 - a Business Engagement Service which would support 10,000 businesses;
 - a School for Start -ups supporting the growth of 250 micro businesses.

In the next year it was anticipated that -

- (i) consultants would be commissioned to develop a master plan for South Yard;
- (j) land in South Yard would be transferred from the MOD to Plymouth City Council;

- (k) the wage progression and caseworker projects would be procured and launched;
- (l) further business support programmes would be launched to support small businesses to export and increase levels of inward investment;
- (m) a public sector land and property board for Plymouth would be established to support growth.

Cabinet Members were advised that the grant scheme for small businesses had been heavily oversubscribed and David Draffan (Assistant Director for Economic Development) indicated that a case would be submitted to government for further grant funding.

The report was noted and further updates would be submitted to Cabinet as necessary.

137. **COST AND VOLUME FOR FOSTERING CONTRACTS**

Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People) submitted a report seeking approval of the re-procurement of the Cost and Volume for Fostering contracts, which aimed to ensure the sufficient supply of independent sector foster placements for children and young people in the care of Plymouth City Council. Emma Crowther (Commissioning Officer) advised that the contract award would be brought back to Cabinet in December 2014.

Councillor Williams (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) introduced the proposals which were a partnership between Devon County, Torbay and Plymouth City Councils, with the City Council as lead commissioner.

Councillor Williams congratulated Emma Crowther and her team on their negotiation work.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

The report was noted pending consideration of the business case which contained commercially sensitive information.

(See minute 140 below)

138. **LOW ENERGY STREET LIGHTING LUMINAIRES CONTRACT AWARD**

Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place) submitted a report on the outcome of the procurement process for the supply of low energy street lighting luminaires on the highway and on Council owned land including parks and open spaces.

A separate report, containing commercially sensitive information was also submitted and was referred to in minute 141 below.

Simon Dale (Interim Assistant Director for Street Services) and Ian Ellis (Network Policy Manager) attended the meeting for this item.

Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Transport) introduced the proposals which would achieve significant energy savings and reduce street lighting maintenance work. The benefits would also include improved road safety and a reduction in the fear of crime. Positive feedback had been received following a trial of the lights at West Park and the proposals also included the installation of a solar tree in the City Centre.

The work was expected to commence in August 2014 for a period of 18 months although it was hoped that the work would be completed earlier.

Alternative options considered and reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

Councillor Evans (Council Leader) thanked Ian Ellis for his work on this scheme.

Agreed that the contract for the provision of low energy street lighting luminaires is awarded to Urbis Schreder Limited, the most economically advantageous tenderer for -

- (1) Lot 1: residential luminaires
- (2) Lot 2: residential decorative luminaires
- (3) Lot 3: Main road luminaires
- (4) Lot 4: Main road decorative luminaires
- (5) Lot 5: Area and zebra crossing floodlights

139. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public are 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 I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

140. **COST AND VOLUME FOR FOSTERING CONTRACTS BUSINESS CASE (E3)**

Further to minute 137 above, Carole Burgoyne (Strategic Director for People) submitted the business case for the re-procurement of the Cost and Volume for Fostering framework contract, which contained commercially sensitive information.

Councillor Williams reported further.

Agreed that the re-procurement of the cost and volume for fostering framework contracts is approved, in line with the detail set out in the business case.

141. **LOW ENERGY STREET LIGHTING LUMINAIRES CONTRACT AWARD (E3)**

Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place) submitted a report on the evaluation of the tenders for the supply of low energy street lighting luminaires, which contained commercially sensitive information.

(See minute I38 above).

142. **THANKS**

Councillor Evans (Council Leader) thanked Nicola Kirby (Senior Democratic Support Officer (Cabinet)) for her work during the year.