



Minutes

Executive Committee

Date: 30 July 2014

Time: 12 noon

Venue: Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Birkenshaw

Present: Councillor J Hughes (in the chair), T Austin, J Dodds, P Harrand, B Smith (as substitute for Councillor Cummins) and C Townsley

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillor J Cummins

1 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of a meeting held on 14 May 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2 Urgent items

None.

3 Admission of the public

RESOLVED

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business specified below as it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of the descriptions respectively specified.

AGENDA ITEM NO.	TITLE OF REPORT	MINUTE NUMBER	Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number(s) in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
E5	Purchase of land at Weetwood	5	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E6	Sale of former Marsden Fire station	6	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E7	Service Delivery Establishment – review	7	Paragraph 1 – relating to an individual

4 Declarations of interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were made in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

5 Purchase of land at Weetwood, Leeds

(This item was considered as exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972).

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Strategic Development which sought approval for the purchase of the existing West Yorkshire Police site at Weetwood, Leeds to allow for the construction of a multi-agency site and new fire station to replace Cookridge and Moortown stations which would become surplus to requirements.

In accordance with the approved Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) approval had been given in December 2012 to the closure of both Cookridge and Moortown fire stations once a replacement had been constructed on an alternative site.

Members were advised that the site identified at Weetwood for the multi-agency centre provided ideal emergency cover and offered an opportunity for West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, West Yorkshire Police and Leeds City Council to deliver specialised services in partnership to improve community safety and wellbeing. It was reported that a £7.09m grant application had been submitted to the Communities and Local Government Transformation Grant fund to progress the scheme.

In the event of the grant bid being unsuccessful, it was reported that West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and West Yorkshire Police still intended to redevelop the site to provide a joint fire and police station. Any surplus land would be sold on completion of the new development.

The report also sought approval for the sale of an additional four sites which had become surplus to requirements in the IRMP process (Ossett, Shipley, Haworth and Idle). Detail of the anticipated capital receipts for all six sites was provided in the report now submitted.

RESOLVED

- a) That approval be given to the purchase of the existing West Yorkshire Police site at Weetwood for the construction of a new fire station and a new multi-agency centre (the latter being subject to grant funding);
- b) That approval be given to the best value disposal of any surplus land; and
- c) That approval be given to the disposal of the following fire stations as they become surplus to requirements under the Integrated Risk Management Plan:
 - Ossett
 - Shipley
 - Haworth
 - Idle
 - Cookridge
 - Moortown

6 Disposal of former Marsden Fire Station

(This item was considered as exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972).

The Director of Strategic Development submitted a report which sought approval for the disposal of the former Marsden Fire Station.

Members were advised that initial approval for its disposal had been given at a meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee on 29 January 2010. This sale, and subsequent attempts to sell the property, had failed for a variety of reasons including issues related to rights of way, restricted use covenants and on-site services.

It was reported that a total of five competitive bids had been received since the property had been placed back on the open market. Detail of the bids was included in the report now submitted.

RESOLVED

That the highest value unconditional bid be accepted for the former Marsden Fire Station in the sum detailed in the report now submitted.

7 Service Delivery Establishment – review

(This item was considered as exempt information under Schedule 12A (1) of the Local Government Act 1972).

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Delivery which sought agreement for proposed changes to be made to the existing establishment within the Service Delivery Directorate to better meet the current and planned work programme.

It was reported that the proposed changes would cost an additional £109,400 in a full year which would be funded from within the approved revenue budget. Members were advised that a job evaluation exercise had been undertaken since the circulation of the committee report which proposed that one of the posts (Young Firefighters / youth engagement Green Book post) should be established at Grade 10 and not at Grade 9 as detailed in the report now submitted.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to;

- a) The establishment of a Business Support Team (four x Grade 8 Inspectors) to support the Primary Authority Scheme (PAS); and
- b) The posts at a) to be incrementally filled in line with the number of PAS partnerships;
- c) The replacement of a Watch Manager post with a Grade 10 Green Book post to take the lead for all youth engagement (including the Young Firefighters' Scheme); and
- d) The disestablishment of a Grade 3 (0.5 fte) Computer Aided Design post.

Chair