



Minutes

Finance & Resources Committee

Date: 12 April 2019

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Birkenshaw

Present: Councillor A Tait (in the chair), J Dodds, R Downes (for agenda items E8 and E9 Min nos. 33 and 34 refer), J Fenton-Glynn, R Grahame, P Harrand, J Lennox, D O'Donovan and O Rowley (as substitute for Councillor T Peart)

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillors T Peart, C Anderson and L Holmes

26 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Committee at a meeting held on 1 February 2019 be signed as a correct record.

27 Urgent items

None.

28 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 was likely, in view of the nature of the 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 specified

AGENDA ITEM NO.	TITLE OF REPORT	MINUTE NUMBER (to be added)	Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number in Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972
E6	New Wakefield Fire Station	31	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E7	Property management – capital expenditure projects	32	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E8	Vehicle replacement programme 2019 – 20	33	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E9	Liability insurance renewals	34	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs

29 Declarations of interest

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

30 ICT hardware – capital expenditure

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Service Support which sought approval for the purchase of ICT hardware to replace that which was due to reach its end of life.

It was reported that the focus in 2019 – 20 had been to replace a large proportion of laptops, many of which were over five years old and the replacement of which had been allocated in the approved capital plan.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the purchase of ICT hardware as detailed in the report now submitted.

31 Replacement of Wakefield Fire Station

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

The Director of Service Support submitted a report which advised of the progress made with the rebuilding of Wakefield Fire Station and which sought approval for an increase in funding to support the programme following a competitive tender exercise. The increased costs since the

original projection made in October 2017 had been due to increases in the cost of both labour and materials.

Members were further provided with information on comparative refurbishment costs which were estimated to be £1.5m more than a full rebuild.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to an increased provision in the 2019 – 20 capital programme as detailed in the report now submitted.

32 Property capital expenditure projects 2019 – 20

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Support which sought approval for a number of new strategic refurbishment property management projects for inclusion in the 2019 – 20 capital expenditure programme.

Whilst the majority of projects were beneath the threshold requiring formal Committee approval in accordance with the Authority's Standing Orders, the total cost of works were above the delegated approval levels for Management Board.

RESOLVED

- a) That approval be given to the proposed capital expenditure on the property management projects as detailed in the report now submitted; and
- b) That it be noted that planning or building control approvals may be required in respect of schemes referred to in a) above.

33 Vehicle replacement programme 2019 – 20

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Service Support which sought approval for the purchase or refurbishment of vehicles as detailed in the report.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the purchase or refurbishment of vehicles in 2019 – 20 as detailed in the report now submitted.

34 Insurance renewals 2019 – 20

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

The Chief Finance and Procurement Officer submitted a report which advised of the outcome of the insurance renewals process.

It was reported that there had been an increase of £12,748 in premiums for 2019 – 20.

Members were further advised of detail of the Premiums-4-good initiative operated by RMP(QBE), the Authority's provider of liability insurance and were reminded that there was no financial exposure to the Authority in terms of the operation of the initiative by the insurers.

RESOLVED

That the outcome of the insurance renewals process 2019 – 20 be noted.

Chair