



# Minutes

## Finance & Resources Committee

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Date: 28 March 2014

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Conference Room, Oakroyd Hall, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Birkenshaw

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Present: Councillor B Smith (in the Chair), P Caffrey, J Cummins, J Dodds, P Harrant, A Hussain, J Hughes (as substitute for Councillor G Thornton), C Townsley, A Wallis (as substitute for Councillor R Grahame) and G Wilkinson

In Attendance: N/A

Apologies: Councillors R Grahame and G Thornton

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### 41 Minutes of the last meeting

#### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Committee at a meeting held on 24 January 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 42 Urgent item : Banking Tender

The Chair advised that he had agreed to the inclusion of an urgent item on the agenda (Banking Tender) which would be considered at agenda item 7 (Min no.47 refers).

[The item had been considered urgent as the invitations to tender were due to be despatched before the end of March 2014 in conjunction with Kirklees Council].

### 43 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 and press 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	Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number(s) in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
E6	Insurance Renewals 2014 – 15	46	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E7	Sale of land and diversion of services – Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters	48	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E8	Vehicle Replacement Programme 2014 – 2015	49	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E9	Award of Mobile Voice and Data Contract	50	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs

#### **44 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made in any matter under discussion at the meeting.

#### **45 Wide Area Network – award of contract**

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Corporate Resources which advised of the proposed replacement of the Wide Area Network (WAN) by utilising a Kirklees Metropolitan Council (KMC) framework tender process which it was anticipated would produce future on-going revenue savings of £80,000 per annum in return for an initial £20,000 investment.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the use of Kirklees Metropolitan Council contract arrangements to replace the Wide Area Network be approved.

#### **46 Insurance Renewals 2014 / 2015**

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

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Finance and Procurement Officer which advised of the conclusion of negotiations for the insurance contract and premiums.

The Chief Finance and Procurement Officer drew Members' attention to an error in the reference on page 3 (reference should be to "engineering premiums" not "property premiums").

It was further noted that savings of £37,000 were anticipated.

## **RESOLVED**

That the insurance renewals be approved as detailed in the report now submitted.

## **47 Banking Tender**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Finance and Procurement Officer which sought delegated powers to authorise Kirklees Metropolitan Council (KMC) officers with specialist skills and expertise to negotiate a new bank tender on behalf of the Authority which had become necessary due to the decision (Min no. 26 refers) by the Co-operative Bank to withdraw from the corporate banking market.

It was anticipated that new banking arrangements would need to be in place during 2014 and that the Authority would use the same bankers as KMC unless any bid providers indicated different terms which were more cost effective for the Authority and would be different to the bankers appointed by KMC for its own purposes. The outcome of the negotiations would be the subject of a further report in due course.

## **RESOLVED**

- a) That the Chief Finance & Procurement Officer be authorised to instruct Kirklees Council officers to negotiate the banking tender on behalf of the Authority;
- b) That the Authority takes account of the impact on the cost of treasury management services as part of the tender evaluation; and
- c) That the outcome of negotiations for a new banking provider be reported to a future meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee.

## **48 Sale of land and diversion of services – Fire Service Headquarters, Birkenshaw**

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

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which sought to market for sale a plot of land within the North East sector of the Headquarters complex adjacent to Bradford Road which would be surplus to requirements when the current Mobilising Centre closed. Members were advised that it was likely that the land would be developed for housing and would be fenced off from the rest of the Headquarters complex with its own entrance.

In order to facilitate the development it would be necessary to divert service utility pipes and cables as per the detailed estimates in the report which would have to be funded from the revenue budget due to restrictions on the use of capital budget funding.

The Chief Finance and Procurement Officer clarified the use to which any capitals receipts could be put and Councillor Harrand requested that officers continue to look at the potential scope for seeking a share of the Community Infrastructure Levy proceeds which might arise from the sale.

## **RESOLVED**

- a) That approval be given to the marketing and sale of the surplus portion of land at West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters as identified in the report now submitted; and
- b) That approval be given to the expenditure as estimated in the report to be spent on the planning and diversion of utility supply pipes and cables and related enabling works as detailed in the report now submitted.

## **49 Vehicle Replacement Programme 2014 – 2015**

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

Members considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources concerning the vehicle replacement programme for 2014 / 15 involving six new fire appliances and a POD refurbishment at a capital and revenue cost as detailed in the report.

It was noted that significant savings would be made from being able to order engines in advance of the new Euro VI engine requirements.

## **RESOLVED**

That approval be given to the purchase of six appliances and the refurbishment of one Pod as detailed in the report now submitted.

## **50 Award of Mobile Voice and Data Contract**

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

In a report of the Director of Corporate Resources Members it was recommended that a new two-year contract be placed with a specified company detailed in the report which had been verified as the most cost effective option following evaluation of competitive bids submitted pursuant to a Government Framework agreement for the provision of mobile voice and data services.

## **RESOLVED**

That a two-year Mobile Voice and Data Contract be awarded to Vodafone on the terms as detailed in the report now submitted.