

AT A MEETING of the BUILDINGS, LAND AND PROCUREMENT PANEL held in  
the Denning Room, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, on  
10 January 2017

Councillors:

p. Chairman: Councillor Mel Kendal  
p. Vice-Chairman: Councillor Peter Edgar

a. Keith House  
p. Frank Pearce  
p. Andrew Joy

a. Martin Lyon  
p. John Wall  
p. Adrian Collett

#### **149 BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

#### **150 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors House and Lyon. Councillor Collett was in attendance as the Liberal Democrat substitute member.

#### **151 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest and, having regard to Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

#### **152 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016 were confirmed by Members as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **153 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that the County Council's Property Services had recently received a number of awards, commendations and short listings. These had included:

- The Westgate Lower School had received a Solent Design Award 2016 in the Quality Place Category which was one of only three Awards given. It was also the Society of Public Architecture, Construction, Engineering and Surveying (SPACES) Building of the Year 2016. This was jointly with Birmingham New Street Station Redevelopment which illustrated the significance of the competition.
- Portesbery Special School, which had been designed for Surrey County Council by Hampshire's Property Services, had received the Local Authority Building Control Best Inclusive Building Award 2016 and had been short listed for the Times Education Supplement Creative School of the Year Award.
- The Schools Scola Re-cladding Programme had been Highly Commended in the SPACES Engineering Innovation Category 2016.
- The HMS M33 Historic Building Project had received the SPACES Heritage Civic Building of the Year Award 2016.
- Park Community School had been named as the RICS Community Benefit Winner 2016.

## **152 DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

## **153 MAJOR PROGRAMMES REPORT**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services which provided an update on major projects and issues currently being progressed within the department (Item 6 in the Minute Book.)

Members' attention was drawn to the close working between Property Services and Children's Services on the design and delivery programme for the provision of 18,275 new school places by 2019. This was a further increase to that noted in the report as a result of a further analysis of pupil numbers required. The Director confirmed that steady growth countywide, including new housing developments and demographic change, had contributed to the requirement for additional school places. The Panel heard of the work that Property Services was conducting with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to design and deliver new Free Schools. It was noted that ongoing discussions were continuing with the EFA and the Department for

Education to secure the maximum possible funding for the Free Schools programme.

In response to Members' questions it was confirmed that all new schools were required by legislation to operate as academies. Furthermore, in response to Members' questions relating to section 2.9 of the report, it was confirmed that the completion date for the first of six new Children's Homes was expected in February 2017 and would be followed by the completion of the remaining five homes as part of a phased programme.

Discussion was held regarding the Workstyle Programme and how this enabled staff to work flexibly to support the requirements of their role. Further benefits of the Programme to staff were also discussed as were the significant savings that had been realised since the introduction of the programme around a decade ago.

#### RESOLVED:

That the Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that:

- a) Progress of each of the programmes is noted.
- b) That approval is given to the Workstyle Office Transformation project proposals for Elizabeth II Court South, Ground and First floors at a total cost of £800,000.
- c) That procurement and spend approval for contracting activity associated with the projects as outlined in this report is granted.

### **154 MANAGING HAMPSHIRE'S BUILT ESTATE**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services. (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that the total planned investment for schools and corporate buildings totalled £52million and that this was funded through local resources, school contributions and government grants.

It was noted that the initial indication given for the Schools Condition Allocation (SCA) grant for 2017/18 was £17.7million and that this would be used to invest further in the schools estate. The confirmed SCA grant figure would be announced in March 2017. The Panel heard that the Schools Service Level Agreement (SLA), which enables Hampshire schools to pool their funds and for their maintenance programmes to be managed within Property Services, was due for renewal in April 2017. Members noted that excellent progress had so far been recorded with the majority of schools confirming renewal with the final deadline being the end of March 2017 for responses.

The Director highlighted the County Council's successful bid for SCOLA recladding in the Priority Schools Building Programme 2 for four Hampshire schools. These projects were planned to be delivered on behalf of the EFA at Wootey Junior School, Talavera Infant School, Overton Church of England Primary School and Oliver's Battery Primary School. This was noted as an excellent example of Hampshire County Council acting as delivery partner for the Government.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that:

- a) The headline Policy and Resources Repair and Maintenance budgets for 2017/18 contained within this report are noted and that a more detailed report seeking approval will be brought to a future Policy and Resources Decision Day.
- b) The progress on the renewal on the Schools Service Level Agreements and the procurement of the Term Maintenance Contract and Minor Works Framework is noted.
- c) That advance design work to progress schools Condition Projects, External Decorations and Primary Schools Building Programme 2 progress, as set out in Appendix 2, is approved including subsequent letting of contracts as soon as possible after allocations are confirmed by the Department for Education.
- d) The procurement route for delivery of the revenue and capital repairs programmes (as either a suitable OJEU compliant framework arrangement or via traditional single stage competitive tender) is approved.

**155 CORPORATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTING ACTIVITY AND APPROVALS FOR 2016/17**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding procurement, amendments and extensions to contracts over £1million in value (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

An Appendix was attached to the report which detailed the projects which were seeking endorsement from the Panel.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Panel makes the following recommendation to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

- a) That procurement and spend approvals, as appropriate, be given for the framework agreements and contracts as detailed in Appendix 1.

**156 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

The public were excluded from the meeting during the following items of business, 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 have been disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the minute and report.

**157 CORPORATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTING ACTIVITY AND APPROVALS FOR 2016/17**

The Panel considered the exempt appendix regarding Item 8 in the Minute Book and Minute Number 155.

The exempt appendix, relating to the supply of non domestic water and waste water services, was introduced and discussed by the Panel. The Panel agreed recommendations to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.