

## **The Executive – 9 October 2013**

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Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **9 October 2013** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore  
Vice Chairman: Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr K J Gordon  
Cllr Mrs G A Lucas-Gill  
Cllr Mrs J E McPherson

Cllr S P Smith  
Cllr M J Steptoe

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr M Maddocks.

### **VISITING**

Cllr C I Black.

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

P Warren	- Chief Executive
A Bugeja	- Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services
Y Woodward	- Head of Finance
R Evans	- Head of Environmental Services
S Scrutton	- Head of Planning and Transportation
J Bostock	- Member Services Manager

### **201 MIINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **202 POOLING OF BUSINESS RATES**

The Executive considered the exempt report of the Head of Finance on the development of an Essex wide business rates pool.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Council join a business rates pool.
- (2) That a scheme similar to that in existence in Suffolk be pursued, on the basis that no authority can be worse off in the pool than they would have been outside it.
- (3) That the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, be authorised to agree the development of the pooling proposal and governance arrangements. (HF)

### **203 CONSULTATION FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ON 'PART NIGHT' STREET LIGHTING**

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive on proposals by Essex County Council to turn off some street lighting at night within the Rochford District. In conjunction with this item, a schedule of individual comments and suggestions received from District Members, Parish Representatives and the Police was tabled.

Members noted that a map detailing the location of street lighting and associated 'part night' proposals had yet to be received from the County Council. Once received, the map would be cross-checked. A copy would be made available in the Members Lounge at the Civic Suite and emailed to all Members.

It was noted that the County Council had indicated that the project roll-out schedule across Authorities was indicative rather than fixed. The County had also indicated that lights could be turned back on relatively quickly where issues were identified. Requests for turning lights back on would no doubt need to be evidenced based.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the County Council be provided with the contents of the comments schedule together with this Council's view that the exclusions policy should include the main town centre areas of Rayleigh, Rochford and Hockley, the areas around the railway stations and those footpaths across the District which run from the town centres and link the residential areas.
- (2) That the decision in (1) above be taken as a matter of urgency and not subject to call-in/referral because of the consultation deadline set by the County Council. (CE)

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### **Resolved**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

### **204 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Executive considered the exempt report of the Head of Environmental Services on the long-term grounds maintenance contract.

It was confirmed that the tender process had followed OJEU Notice requirements and that the lowest tenderer had provided comprehensive and acceptable responses to all requests for clarification on specific points. Arrangements were in place to cover grounds maintenance service requirements prior to 2 December.

Members agreed that it would be appropriate for the sum of £55,000 to be set aside as a contingency reserve.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Grounds Maintenance Contract be awarded to ISS Facilities Services – Landscaping at the per annum tender value identified in the exempt addendum to the report.
- (2) That £55,000 of the original budget be set aside as a contingency reserve.
- (3) That the Contract commences on 2 December 2013. (HES)

## **205 RAYLEIGH SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

### **Resolved**

That consideration of the exempt report on options available with regard to the Rayleigh Sports and Social Club be deferred pending the preliminary report of the Planning Inspector on the Allocations Submissions Document.  
(HLEMS/HPS)

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....

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