

The Executive – 4 November 2015

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **4 November 2015** when there were present:-

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

Cllr Mrs J R Lumley
Cllr Mrs J E McPherson
Cllr Mrs C E Roe

Cllr S P Smith
Cllr M J Steptoe
Cllr I H Ward

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Dave	- Chief Executive
S Scrutton	- Director
J Bostock	- Assistant Director – Democratic Services
M Harwood-White	- Assistant Director – Commercial Services
M Hotten	- Assistant Director – Environmental Services
D Murray	- Section 151 Officer
A Lowing	- Strategic Partnership Officer
P Jarvis	- Senior Procurement Consultant

219 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

220 PROGRESS ON DECISIONS SCHEDULE

The Executive reviewed the Schedule of Progress on Decisions.

Resolved

That the schedule of Progress on Decisions made by Full Council/The Executive be noted.

221 REVISED CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Councillor SP Smith, presented the report on adoption of revised Contract Procedure Rules.

During discussion of some of the changes included within the new Public Contract Regulations it was observed that a requirement that all spend over £25,000 (net of VAT) must be advertised on a central Government website facility could somewhat negate a requirement that Council's be 'encouraged' to break contracts into Lots (Councils must have a reason if not doing so). It was also observed that the new Regulations applied to local authorities of all sizes.

Recommended to Council:-

That the revised Contract Procedure Rules, attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted.

It was further Resolved:-

That, pending adoption of the revised rules, the Sustainable Commissioning and Procurement Strategy 2015 – 2020, attached at Appendix 2 of the report, be approved. (ADCS/Section 151 Officer)

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.

222 ADVICE SERVICES COMMISSIONING

The Portfolio Holder for Community, Councillor Mrs J R Lumley, presented the exempt report on advice services commissioning.

Resolved

That the outcome of the advice services tender evaluation panel meeting held on 29 September to award the advice services contract to Citizens Advice Rochford and Rayleigh, as detailed in the exempt report, be endorsed. (ADLS)

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Chairman

Date

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