

The Executive – 6 December 2021

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **6 December 2021** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C E Roe

Cllr D S Efde
Cllr S P Smith
Cllr D J Sperring

Cllr I H Ward
Cllr M J Webb
Cllr A L Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S E Wootton.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Hutchings	- Strategic Director
M Harwood-White	- Assistant Director, Assets & Commercial
M Hotten	- Assistant Director, Place & Environment
A Law	- Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic
N Lucas	- Assistant Director, Resources
L Moss	- Assistant Director, People & Communities
D Tribe	- Assistant Director, Transformation & Customer
W Szyszka	- Democratic Services Officer

194 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

195 MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE UPDATE 2021/22

The Executive considered the report of the Assistant Director, Resources providing a half-early update on performance against the Council's Business Plan 2020-23.

Resolved

To note the contents of this Report and Appendices 1 and 2.

196 ADVICE SERVICES CONTRACT 2022-24

The Executive considered the report of the Assistant Director, People and Communities seeking agreement for the Advice Services Contract to be retendered for a further 2-year period with the proposed value of the contract continuing to be £70,000 per year and recommending the contents of the report to Full Council in order to endorse the proposals set out in the Report.

Members queried the fact that the price of the contract had not changed for a period of time and asked whether there were any other potential providers within the market that could be considered for provision of the service.

In response, officers confirmed that there were providers delivering similar services which was why Rochford District Council continued to go through the procurement process to enable all providers fair access.

A Member raised comments endorsing the numbers presented in the report and the level of service provided.

A Motion was moved by Cllr Mrs C E Roe and seconded by Cllr A L Williams that the recommendations set out at paragraph 1.1 of the report be agreed.

Resolved

- (1) To agree that the Advice Services Contract should be retendered for a further 2-year period, with the option for the Council to extend the contract for a further one year. It is proposed that the value of the contract would continue to be £70,000 per year.
- (2) To recommend that this report is presented to Full Council on 7 December 2021 to endorse the proposals set out in the sections below. (ADPC)

(This was unanimously agreed.)

197 COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND AT MICHELIN FARM, RAYLEIGH

The Executive considered the report of the Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic seeking agreement to consider using the Council's compulsory purchase powers to acquire land at Michelin Farm, Rayleigh and to approve a drawdown from reserves of £25,000 to enable officers to prepare a business case for the compulsory purchase of land.

Amendments to the recommendations suggested by Cllrs S P Smith and Cllr I H Ward amending recommendations 2 and 3 set out at paragraph 1.1 of the report to alter the amount of drawdown from £25,000 to £15,000 and to include consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning in the negotiation around the potential purchase of the land were debated.

Cllrs Mrs C E Roe moved a Motion that the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.1 of the report as amended, be agreed and this was seconded by Cllr D S Efde.

Resolved

- (1) That the Executive agrees to bring forward a report to consider using the Council's compulsory purchase powers to acquire land at Michelin Farm, Rayleigh, once initial investigations and survey works have been undertaken.

- (2) To approve the drawdown of up to £15,000 to enable officers to prepare a business case for the compulsory purchase of land at Michelin Farm, Rayleigh.
- (3) To delegate responsibility to the Assistant Director, Place and Environment and Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning, to negotiate the potential voluntary purchase of the land, in parallel to the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process, and report this back to the Executive for consideration. (ADPE/ADLD)

(This was unanimously agreed.)

198 COUNCIL PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Executive considered the report of the Strategic Director providing updates on the Council's three projects: the Connect Programme and the Asset Delivery Programme (both GOLD projects) and the Beagle Event project (a SILVER project).

Resolved

To note updates on the Council's three projects: The Connect Programme and the Asset Delivery Programme (both GOLD projects) and the Beagle Event (a SILVER project). (SD)

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm.

Chairman

Date

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