

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 28 JUNE, 2017

Present: Councillors A Stirling (Chair), I Walker (Vice Chair), A Allan, M Buchan (as substitute for S Wallace) D Beagrie, E Durno, P Gibb, A Hassan, V Harper (as substitute for S Calder), A Kille, G Reid (as substitute for G Reynolds) D Robertson, A Ross and A Simpson (as substitute for D Mair).

Apologies: Councillors S Calder, D Mair, G Reynolds and S Wallace

Officers: Director of Infrastructure Services, Head of Housing, Corporate Finance Manager, Head of Service (Property & Facilities Management), Chief Superintendent C Thomson, Police Scotland, Quantity Surveying Manager (Mr K Abel), Stock Improvement and Maintenance Manager (Mr D Thomson), Business Services Manager (Health and Social Care Partnership), Principal Solicitor (Governance) (Ms R O'Hare) and Principal Committee Officer (Mrs A Riddell).

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chair asked members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and no declarations of interest were intimated.

2A. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- (2) Where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching their decision.

2B. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Items 4 and 5, so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the undernoted paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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3. ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2017- 2020

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Committee of 15 June 2017 (Item 8) there had been circulated a draft Aberdeenshire Local Police Plan 2017 to 2020 detailing the key policing priorities for the forthcoming three years to ensure Aberdeenshire remained a safe place to live, work and visit. The Plan priorities included tackling antisocial behaviour, violence and disorder, reducing road casualties and preventing acquisitive crime and identified the need to protect communities from serious and organised crime, people from risk of harm and terrorism.

The Committee heard from the Chief Superintendent on the plan priorities, consultation undertaken during development of the plan including engagement with communities and alignment with community planning partner organisations and on a minor amendment required to the plan relating to governance arrangements for child and adult protection.

Following discussion, the Committee **agreed** to endorse the Local Police Plan 2017 – 20 as submitted subject to the minor amendment required to accurately reflect the governance arrangements for child and adult protection.

4. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL STOCK IMPROVEMENT DELIVERY

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 17 November 2016 (Item 33, Page 814) there had been circulated a joint report dated 27 May 2017 by the Directors of Business Services and Infrastructure Services on work undertaken to put in place a new framework agreement and identify contractors for appointment to the framework to deliver the 2017- 2021 stock improvement programme.

The Head of Housing confirmed that individual call off contracts would be reported to Committee annually for approval, reported on works being undertaken to meet the legislative requirement in terms of Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH) and made reference to the planned review of the HRA Business Plan.

During discussion, Officers responded to questions from Members on work scheduling and quality, monitoring of contractors performance, tenant engagement plans, follow up process for issues identified after work completed and budget allocation and management arrangements.

Thereafter, the Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to approve the appointment of the following contractors to the four year housing improvement framework, on the basis that individual yearly call off contracts will require to be approved by Committee prior to issue:

Everwarm Limited, Bathgate, Scotland
Bancon Construction Ltd, Banchory, Aberdeenshire
Kier Construction, Westhill, Aberdeenshire
Mitie Property Services (UK) Ltd, Rutherglen, Glasgow

- (2) to approve call off contracts for the period covering the first year of the framework subject to reaching agreement with the individual contractors on their area choices as follows:

Everwarm Ltd	North Area	£7,254,028
Bancon Construction Ltd	South Area	£4,316,295

Kier Construction Ltd	East Area	£6,527,147
Mitie Property Services (UK) Ltd	Central Area	£5,615,466

- (3) that the Head of Housing, following consultation with the Head of Property & Facilities Management, provide a 6 monthly monitoring report on the programme to the Committee with prior consultation through briefings with individual Area Committees, whose comments should be fed back through the 6 monthly monitoring reports;
- (4) to note the overall notional project cost of £160,416,392.83, including associated costs, as detailed in the report;
- (5) to note that the final project cost would be subject to adjustment to bring it in line with the outcome of the revised HRA Business Plan process; and
- (6) that the Director of Infrastructure Services –
 - (a) include information on risks and planned mitigation measures, links to health and social care provision and community benefits and how these will be achieved in future reports on the work programme;
 - (b) provide Local Members with a planned programme of work, including property details, relevant to their area; and
 - (c) following consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and opposition spokesperson, consider and approve any matters relating to the programme of works which require an urgent decision that cannot be reported to the Committee within the timescale required, as provided for in Section B of the List of Officers Powers in the Scheme of Governance.

5. SUPPLEMENTARY WORK PLAN FOR SOCIAL CARE GOODS

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Committee of 30 March 2017 (Item 15) when it had been agreed, amongst other things, to approve the Directorate Work Plan for Social Care Services for 2017/18, the Committee had before then a report dated 15 June 2017 seeking approval for the addition of four items to the Directorate Work Plan for the procurement of frozen foods, bakery, milk and meat products for use in adult social care establishments. The report stated that each of the four items proposed to be added to the work plan would be form part of a cross Service and cross area procurement with the Education and Children's Service and it was proposed that the Education and Children's Services Committee would act as lead Committee on the basis that the bulk of spend under the proposed procurements would be from that Service budget.

The Committee **agreed** to:-

- (1) approve the addition of the four items detailed in the supplementary work plan to the Social Care Service Work Plan 2017/2018 approved by the Committee on 30th March 2017;
- (2) approve the appointment of the Education and Children's Services Committee as the lead Committee in respect of those procurements;
- (3) note that the Business Case for each of the items on the supplementary work plan, if not reserved for approval by the Education and Children's Services Committee, would be approved by the relevant Chief Officer and notified to the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services without the requirement for further Committee approval;

- (4) note that a number of items on the Work Plan were contract extensions and the procurement of those contracts had already been carried out; and
- (5) that the Director of Infrastructure Services –
 - (a) provide a briefing note to members of the committee on the achievement of best value for the procurements detailed in the report, and
 - (b) provide a briefing note to all members on the benefits of Scotland Excel Framework Agreements to include information on action taken previously in respect of an approved vendor involved in the supply of chicken from Thailand.

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