

CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday 23 December 2014

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Price (Chair), Kennedy, Lygo, Seamons, Sinclair, Simm and Tanner.

OFFICERS PRESENT: David Edwards (Executive Director City Regeneration and Housing), Tim Sadler (Executive Director Community Services), Jackie Yates (Executive Director Organisational Development and Corporate Services), Jane Winfield (Regeneration and Major Projects - Team Manager), David Ashworth (Regeneration and Major Projects), Lindsay Cane (Law and Governance) and Sarah Claridge (Committee Services Officer)

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Rowley and Turner

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

108. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions were received.

109. COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES ON ANY ITEM FOR DECISION ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA

No Councillors addressed the Board.

110. SALE OF TEMPLE COWLEY SWIMMING POOL

Following the City Executive Board's meeting on 10 December 2014, Cllr Simmons, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, called-in the report for the Scrutiny Committee to consider a number of aspects in more detail.

The Scrutiny Committee had met to discuss the report earlier today.

Cllr Price, Board Member for Corporate Strategy, Economic Development and Planning explained that the Scrutiny Committee had resolved to agree with the Board's decision made on 10 December. Details of the Scrutiny Committee's meeting were tabled and are attached.

The City Executive Board resolved:

1. To note and accept the recommendation of the Regeneration and Major Projects Service Manager that in regard to the “commercial” bids received for the Temple Cowley pool site (“the Site”) for use of the site for housing purposes, the preferred bidder would be Catalyst Housing.
2. To note the terms of the “community” proposal received from the Save the Temple Cowley Pools CIC (“the CIC”), taking full note of its proposed retention of a pool/leisure facility at the Site.
3. To accept the “commercial” bid from Catalyst Housing set out in Recommendation 1.
4. To delegate authority to the Executive Director of City Regeneration and Housing to enter into an appropriate contract with Catalyst Housing for the disposal of the Site in accordance with the terms of its bid, or any reasonable variation thereof approved by the Executive Director of City Regeneration and Housing.

111. MINUTES

The Board resolved to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 as a true and accurate record.

The meeting started at 3.00 pm and ended at 3.03 pm

Notes from the Scrutiny Committee meeting 23 December 2014

Present: Scrutiny committee members, Council Leader, officers, representatives of STCP and the TCP CIC bid, and other councillors.

The Chair explained the reasons for calling in the decision and the matters before the committee for discussion.

Officers introduced the report and the decision before the committee.

Nigel Gibson and Judith Harley outlined the CIC bid and the reasons why this should be accepted, and that a considerable amount of supporting information had been circulated separately after the CEB agenda was published.

Committee members asked and received answers to questions about:

- The risks to the council including:
 - Viability
 - The risks in the Catalyst bid
 - The financial and construction risks in the CIC's building design
 - The legal risks in the CIC bid, that given the difference between their bid and Catalyst's the decision would be referred to the secretary of state who may or may not approve it.

- Alternative leisure facilities and overall provision of leisure facilities including the analysis of need which informed the draft leisure strategy
- The deliverability and viability of community facilities
- Site design, capacity and broad compliance with the council's local development plan.
- Housing density and the proportion of affordable housing
- Equalities impact assessment, impact on protected groups, and alternative provision/mitigation
- The robustness and reliability of CIC's estimates of income from increased usage and expenditure on repairs and redevelopment
- The soundness and comparability of the Bramley Pools model cited by CIC as their model for this social enterprise.

The committee debated the matter and in particular if they had sufficient information about the proposals in the CIC bid and sufficient advice from officers as to the risks and viability of the proposals and the business plan to decide whether there were grounds to refer this back to CEB.

The Chair asked the committee if they wished to refer the decision back to the CEB. This proposal, on being put to the vote, was not carried.

Accordingly the matter is not referred back.

