

CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wednesday 31 July 2013

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Turner (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Cook, Kennedy, Lygo, Rowley, Seamons and Tanner.

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Price, Brown and Clack.

Councillor Turner clarified that members of the public could not record the meeting. He appreciated the interest in the meeting, and indicated that officers would explore the possibility of providing an audio recording of City Executive Board meetings in future.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

37. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Written questions from a member of the public were received. Those questions with answers were distributed at the start of the meeting. They are attached to the minutes as Appendix 1.

38. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Scrutiny Committee submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) concerning its comments and recommendations on the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan.

The Board noted that at its meeting on 10 July it had resolved to agree the recommendation in the report and to ask the Board Member, Cleaner Greener Oxford to take the Low Emission Strategy to the Carbon and Natural Resources Board for the purpose contained in the recommendation.

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

Councillors who were not members of the Board requested to speak on one item on the agenda. The addresses are referred to at the relevant minute item.

40. LOW EMISSION STRATEGY

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended). Councillor John Tanner (Board Member for Cleaner

Greener Oxford) presented the report to the Board and provided some background and context.

Councillor Jean Fooks addressed the Board. She welcomed the action plan to put into place what was a very ambitious strategy, and spoke about carbon financing and a freight exchange hub. Councillor Craig Simmons also addressed the Board, broadly welcoming the action plan, but observing that further information was needed about the means of both the delivery and the financing of it. He added that he believed that the strategy could usefully have been considered first by the Carbon and Natural Resources Members' Board

Councillor Ed Turner commented that energy efficiency in private rented housing would be a challenging matter, but that officers had now obtained some EPC data from rented properties which would provide the Council with some insights.

Councillor John Tanner believed it would be possible to make progress as there was money that utility companies must spend on environmental improvements and saving customers' money. He recognised that there were some good landlords who were keen to respond, but there were others who were less interested. It was important to reduce the carbon footprint across Oxford. He felt it would be possible to establish a freight exchange hub on the ring road, but it would be important for Oxfordshire County Council to work with the City Council on this. He encouraged officers to work on reducing carbon emissions across the Council.

Resolved:-

- (1) To adopt the Low Emission Strategy;
- (2) To agree the recommendation from Scrutiny, namely to support the setting of the Low Emissions Strategy and ambitions, but to require early reference of the document to the Carbon and Natural resources Members' Board, so that gaps on data, resources and financing can be discussed and a robust action plan produced.

41. PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH A CONTRACT TO UNDERTAKE PLANNED AND REACTIVE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROPERTY WORKS FOR AN EXTERNAL, PUBLIC SECTOR CLIENT

The Executive Director, Community Services, submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended). Cllr Ed Turner presented this report to the Board.

Resolved:-

- (1) To delegate to the Executive Director Community Services the authority to enter into an appropriate contract with the public sector body identified in the Not for Publication Annex attached to the report for the supply of various building services works;
- (2) Further to delegate to the Executive Director Community Services authority to approve extensions to work where it is on the same basis as currently agreed;

- (3) To note that the service provision would follow the principles set out in the report, and would be intended to optimise the contribution to Council overheads while minimising the risk to the Council.

42. FUTURE ITEMS

Nothing was raised under this item.

43. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

Resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the items in the exempt from publication part of the agenda in accordance with the provisions in Paragraph 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2000 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Summary of business transacted by the Board after passing the resolution contained in minute 43

The Board received and noted the contents of not for publication appendix to the reports at agenda item 7 (minute 44 refers).

44. PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH A CONTRACT TO UNDERTAKE PLANNED AND REACTIVE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROPERTY WORKS FOR AN EXTERNAL, PUBLIC SECTOR CLIENT

The Board received and noted the contents of not for publication appendix (previously circulated, now appended) to the report at agenda item 7 (minute 41 refers).

The Board decided not to release the appendix from confidentiality because the information contained within in was, and remained, commercially sensitive.

The meeting started at 9.00 am and ended at 9.45 am

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