

CABINET

MINUTES of the meeting held on Friday, 23 March 2012 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 11.25 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Keith R. Mitchell CBE – in the Chair
Councillor Arash Fatemian
Councillor Louise Chapman
Councillor Jim Couchman
Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale
Councillor Mrs J. Heathcoat
Councillor Melinda Tilley
Councillor Rodney Rose

Officers:

Whole of meeting Chief Executive, Director for Environment & Economy and M. Tugwell, Deputy Director (Growth & Infrastructure), M. Salter, Assistant Head of Property; C. Smith, Legal Services-Contracts; G. Malcolm, Committee Officer

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

49/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Agenda Item. 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Robertson and Councillor Kieron Mallon.

50/12 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda Item. 4)

The following request to address the meeting had been agreed:

Item 6 - Councillor Jean Fooks, Opposition Deputy Leader.

51/12 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD DECISION FOR PROPERTY & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL SERVICES PROJECT

(Agenda Item. 6)

The Cabinet considered a report (CA6) concerning recommendations for the appointment of Preferred Bidder and award of the contract for the provision of property and facilities management works and services including construction, design, estates and facilities management services. The report reminded members of the history and context leading up to the current position, including the Cabinet decision on 6 February 2012 Cabinet to the inclusion of both Food with Thought and Quest Cleaning & Facilities Service in the final tender.

Councillor Jean Fooks, Opposition Deputy Leader recognised that the process leading to a final decision had been long and thorough and hoped that lessons had been learnt from previous procurement exercises. She reminded members that the Liberal Democrat Group had not supported the Cabinet's decision in February 2012 to include Food with Thought in the final tender, which she would revisit in her address in exempt session. She was however pleased to note the requirements aiming to benefit the local economy.

The Environment & Economy officers then gave part one of a presentation: 'Property and Facilities (Services & Works) Contract Final Tender Briefing' which included an overview & evaluation Summary, bid highlights, ICT, Operational Benefits, Affordability Analysis, and recommendation as set out in the report. They confirmed that references provided by the bidders had been taken up, discussions undertaken and site visits made.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the consideration of confidential Annex 1 since it was likely that if they were present during that Annex there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and because its discussion in public might lead to the disclosure to members of the public present of information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as a result of discussions between Oxfordshire County Council and/or other local authorities and organisations and since it was considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Following discussion (recorded separately in an exempt Minute) on the exempt Annex the Cabinet then resumed in open session.

Members thanked all participating officers, unions and all concerned for their substantial and positive approach and work to reach this point, and staff in Food with Thought in particular for their dedication and work.

RESOLVED: (on a motion by Councillor Jim Couchman, duly seconded and carried unanimously) to award the contract for property and facilities management works and services to Participant A and authorise:

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- (a) the Director for Environment and Economy after discussion with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, to approve minor amendments to the form of contract, and any subsidiary or related documents, prior to its execution which do not modify substantial aspects of the contract or the commercial agreement with Participant A as outlined in the report; and
- (b) the Director for Environment and Economy to sign any subsidiary or related documents arising from the contract.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing