

EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2018 SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS – POST CARILLION

Report by the Director for Property and Investment

Introduction

1. This report and Annex 1 gives a simple summary to be supplemented by verbal presentation at the meeting to explain the current situation viz a viz the resolution of construction projects that were under construction at the time of their liquidation.

Exempt Information

2. The information contained within the report details current school building maintenance projects that are in the process of being retendered or completed following the liquidation of Carillion.
3. The public should therefore be excluded from the consideration of the report because its discussion in public would be likely to lead to the disclosure to members of the public present of information in the following categories prescribed by Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended):

3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

and since it is considered that, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that the information in the annexe contains financial information in relation to matters which may distort the process of open competition and that which would prejudice the commercial confidence of the parties involved.

Background

4. Carillion was Oxfordshire County Council's strategic property maintenance, investment and facilities partner. On 15 January 2018, companies in the Carillion group structure began to go into liquidation. This triggered an immediate business continuity response by the Council, to guarantee continuity of delivery of key services and to ensure that schools and other council functions could continue to operate.
5. The Performance Scrutiny Committee requested a report at their meeting on 15 March 2018, during discussion at this meeting it was agreed that the

Education Scrutiny Committee would follow-up on a specific request to understand the re-tendering of school building projects that were underway at the time of the liquidation. There are 10 projects in total that are currently in the process of being completed and are detailed in annexe 1.

6. This report will be accompanied by a verbal presentation at the meeting.

Financial and Staffing Implications

7. The report itself is for information and as such does not have any direct financial or staffing implications but does detail on-going financial commitments of the authority.

Equalities Implications

8. There are no equality or diversity implications associated with this report.

Recommendation

9. **The Education Scrutiny Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report and verbal update.**

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