

AT A MEETING of the BUILDINGS, LAND AND PROCUREMENT PANEL held in
the Chute Room, Elizabeth II Court South, Winchester, on
15 July 2014

Councillors:
p Chairman: M. Kendal
p Vice-Chairman: P. Edgar

p K. House
p F. Pearce

a M. Lyon
p J. Wall

50 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Martin Lyon.

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful of their duty to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest they had in any matter on the agenda for the meeting, where that interest was not already entered in the Authority's register of interests, and their ability to disclose any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any such matter that they might have wished to disclose.

No interests were declared under this item.

52 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2014 were confirmed by Members as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

54 MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services providing an update on the major projects being progressed within the Department (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

The Director summarised developments within key projects including the Children's Services Basic Needs Programme, Energy Programme Update and Isle of Wight Council and Schools, as detailed within the report.

Members heard that Property Services income had increased significantly over the last three years, and subsequently had led to recruitment opportunities within the service. Following a Member query about recruitment, it was explained that certain professions have proved difficult to recruit to, such as Engineers, but this reflected a national pattern. The Private Sector Partner arrangements recently tendered enabled resources to be made available to address this challenge.

In response to a Member's enquiry, progress with the partnership arrangement with the Police and Fire Services was discussed. It was confirmed that momentum with joint working had increased since October 2013, and planning was currently underway to support the Police and Crime Commissioner in the delivery of the Estates Change Programme.

RESOLVED:

The Panel advises the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

- a) That progress on each of the projects is noted
- b) That approval is given to the next projects as part of the ongoing successful Workstyle programme as referred to in Section 12 of the report.

55 NEW STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015 - 2018

The Panel considered the report and presentation from the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in relation to the new Strategic Asset Management Plan covering the period 2015 - 2018 (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

The Director summarised the proposals for the next Plan to build on the success of the previous Plan which covered the period 2011 to 2014. It was highlighted to Members that the new Plan would place a greater emphasis on Transformation. It was noted that since 2011, new political and service drivers had emerged and were factored into the new Plan, including demographic pressures and future housing growth.

It was noted that a Property Asset Management System (PAMS) would be live from September/October 2014 which would provide a modern, digital repository for all County Council property assets. Members discussed the value of County Council properties, and the rating assessment of County Council property was explained.

The Director confirmed that the new Plan would be showcased to County Council Members and senior officers later in the year through a series of workshops. Members noted that regular update reviews of the Plan would be provided to the Panel and the Executive Member for Policy and Resources during its three year life.

RESOLVED:

The Panel advises the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

- a) That the new draft Strategic Asset Management Plan 2015 – 2018 is recommended for approval, subject to minor amendments by the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Strategic Manager – Assets and Development).
- b) Following approval, the new Strategic Asset Management Plan 2015 – 2018 be finalised and published, later in 2014.

56 BUSINESS SERVICES 2013/2014 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services in relation to the 2013/14 Annual Report and Accounts for the Department (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The Director provided an update to Members on the financial performance of the business units within the Business Group, including Hampshire Printing Services, Hampshire Transport Management, County Supplies and Corporate Procurement, and Hampshire County Council Catering Services.

The Director highlighted the positive increase in take-up of school meals in primary schools to 42% in 2013/14. Members commented positively on the decision to hold the current school meal price at £2.00 for a sixth consecutive year, and welcomed that the focus was on increasing take-up rather than increasing price. Members noted that the volume targets in the current business plan for 2014/15 were anticipated to be achievable.

Members were informed that ongoing work to develop a shared procurement service for Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Fire and Rescue had progressed well throughout 2013/14, and the delivery of agreed savings targets was on track.

Members noted the good performance of all the business units across each of the services within the Business Services Group.

RESOLVED:

The Panel advises the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts:

- a) That the 2013/14 annual report and accounts for the Business Services Group be approved.
- b) That, the revised cost for the renovation and improvement works at the Micheldever vehicle workshop be noted – the costs for the project to be drawn from the accumulated surpluses of the CCBS business units.