

AT A MEETING of the BUILDINGS, LAND AND PROCUREMENT PANEL held in
the Denning Room, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, on
28 June 2016

Councillors:

p. Chairman: Councillor Mel Kendal
p. Vice-Chairman: Councillor Peter Edgar

p. Keith House
p. Frank Pearce

p. Martin Lyon
p. John Wall

123 BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

124 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest and, having regard to Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

126 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2016 were confirmed by Members as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

127 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that the County Council's Property Services had received two awards.

Firstly, the Wessex Learning Centre at Winchester Cathedral was a Winner in the Southern Regional Awards for the Royal Institute of British Architects. The Chairman noted that the building was designed by the Council's architects for the Cathedral and that the Council had also made a grant towards the facility for the provision of education facilities for Hampshire's children. The Judges had commented that the result was 'a thoughtful, well-detailed and delightful building that will stand the test of time and prove a great learning environment'.

Secondly, the Chairman announced that Park Community School was the Winner in the Community Benefit category at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors South East Awards. The school's Headteacher, Chris Anders, had joined the design team to receive the award at the ceremony in Brighton.

The Chairman also noted that County Council capital programme funding, to the value of around £0.75 billion over 4 years, had been identified to benefit Hampshire businesses including significant investment in school places and major road improvement programmes for Fareham and Whitehill/Bordon in partnership with the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership.

128 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

129 BUSINESS SERVICES GROUP – 2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Panel considered the annual report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services which provided a summary of the financial performance of Business Units within the Business Services Group (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members were informed of the £1.25million surplus which had been generated across the Group and that this highlighted the success of the trading year.

With regards to the particular Business Units, it was noted that HC3S had facilitated the continuation of the Government's Universal Free School Meals initiative and that this had resulted in a countywide take-up of 60.3% in 2015/16. The Panel were informed that HC3S had continued to work in partnership with the Countryside Service to provide catering at their sites. It was reported that the aim of this partnership working was to increase visitor numbers, encourage more repeat visits and generate a shared surplus for

both Services. Members praised officers for the success of the partnerships and for achieving a positive ethos of collaboration and cross-team working.

It was reported that Hampshire Transport Management (HTM) had generated a slightly lower than targeted overall income, of £540,000, but that this was due to the decrease in fuel prices compared to forecast figures. As a result of the increase in workshop income, namely that from the winter maintenance contract with Highways England, HTM had been able to offer a 'loyalty discount' to the value of £200,000 to its internal customers as outlined within the report.

Members heard that, in 2015/16, County Supplies had recorded its highest turnover reaching £9.25million. This was achieved through close partnership working with local schools and academies, encouraging customer loyalty by providing a number of schemes and incentives and focusing on price competitiveness when compared with other providers.

Overall, it was reported that the Business Services Units had experienced a successful trading year for 2015/16 and that this would provide a solid foundation going into 2016/17.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Economic Development that:

- The 2015/16 annual report and accounts for the Business Services Group be approved.

130 MAJOR PROGRAMMES REPORT

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services which provided an update on major projects and issues currently being progressed within the department.

The Panel heard that work was continuing to provide additional pupil places as part of the Children's Services capital programme and that this related not only to primary school extensions and new-builds but also to the demand for secondary school provision over the coming years. It was reported that design work had also commenced on a combined primary and secondary school at Horton Heath in support of proposals for a Free School bid being made by Wildern Academy Trust.

Members were informed that capital receipts for the year 2015/16 had totalled £9.093million and that this figure was higher than had been forecast. In response to Members questions, it was confirmed that the bulk of capital receipts from strategic land, sites were not scheduled to be realised before 2020. It was also noted that the Director of CCBS was pursuing the possibility of a balance of capital receipt and revenue income in relation to strategic land sites.

It was reported that frameworks management continued to be a growing area of business for Property Services. Members heard that the Southern Construction Framework and the Intermediate Construction Framework were providing contractor capacity for capital programme projects. The Panel heard that the procurement stage of the Southern Modular Building Solutions Framework was nearing conclusion and that the new framework was planned to be in place in early July. The framework was intended to be available to all local authorities across South England and London with a potential value of £600million over a four year term. It was noted that procurement of a Minor Works Framework was also due to commence.

In response to Members questions, it was clarified that, within Appendix A of the report, 'Strategic Professional Support' related to Property Services' strategic partner working arrangement with private sector strategic partners.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that:

- The proposed revenue maintenance budgets and planned repair programmes for 2016/17 be approved as set out in Appendices A and B.
- Progress on each of the programmes is noted.

131 PROPERTY SERVICES BUSINESS REVIEW 2015/16

The Panel considered the annual report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services which provided an overview of Property Services' financial outturn position for 2015/16.

Members heard that throughout 2015/16, Property Services has continued to deliver significant programmes of work in line with the Business Plan 2015 to 2020. Notably, work has included:

- the ongoing delivery of the Children's Services capital programme to provide additional pupil places
- the delivery of significant maintenance programmes for the schools and corporate estate
- collaborating with Adult Services to shape the programme of accommodation for adults with learning disabilities
- progressing with the Manydown development project in partnership with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

The Panel noted that Property Services income for 2015/16 had been £28.8million and that £17.5million of this had been from County Council projects and £11.3million had been from external clients.

It was reported that the strategic partner working arrangement established in 2014 continued to ensure flexibility and capacity of resources. Members heard that the Service would continue to recruit where the longer term work forecast identified this need. In line with predictions in the Business Plan, further growth in Property Services was expected to meet the requirements of the secondary schools programme, the progression of the strategic land programme and the ongoing transformation agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel notes the successful outturn for Property Services in 2015/16.

132 CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN – PHASE 2

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services which gave an update on the Carbon Management Plan.

The success in exceeding the carbon reduction target, of 20%, outlined within Phase 1 of the Plan was noted. The actual saving target achieved was a 23% reduction against the 2009/10 levels.

The report proposed to amend the scope of Phase 2 to exclude the carbon emissions for schools. It was noted that the County Council would continue to support schools through the provision of consumption information and technical programmes.

Members heard that Phase 2 of the Plan was planned to focus upon the reduction in the corporate estate and ongoing efficiencies for street lighting and business travel. Further behavioural change initiatives, renewable energy installations and other programmes were also planned to contribute towards achieving the planned reduction target of 40% from 2010 levels by 2025.

Other energy initiatives discussed by the Panel included the proposal to produce a business case for the installation of more Electrical Vehicle charging points across County Council sites. It was noted that further technical details on issues like rapid charging and finance recovery would be forth coming as the feasibility exercise progressed.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel notes:

- The success of the Carbon Management Plan Phase 1 which exceeded the target of 20% carbon reduction by 2015.
- The Phase 2 Carbon Management Plan proposal to reduce the carbon emissions of the County Council's areas of responsibility by 40% from 2010 levels by 2025 is supported by the Panel.

133 CORPORATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTING ACTIVITY AND APPROVALS FOR 2016/17

The Panel considered the report from the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding procurement, amendments and extensions to contracts over £1million in value (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

An Appendix was attached to the report which detailed the projects which were seeking endorsement from the Panel.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel recommends to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources that:

- Procurement and spend approvals, as appropriate, be given for the framework agreements and contracts as detailed in Appendix 1.

134 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

The public were excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would have been disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

135 CORPORATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTING ACTIVITY AND APPROVALS FOR 2016/17

The Panel considered the exempt appendix relating to Item 7 in the Minute Book and Minute Number 133.

The appendix was discussed by the Panel. The Panel agreed recommendations to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE]