

MINUTES OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON

25 June 2009

7.30pm - 9.07pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Simon Carter (Chairman)

Manny Doku
Chris Millington

Tony Durcan
Russell Perrin

Eddie Johnson
Clive Souter

APOLOGIES

Andrew Johnson

Mark Wilkinson

SUBSTITUTES

Tony Durcan for Mark Wilkinson Clive Souter for Andrew Johnson

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March and 10 June 2009 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

8. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None received.

9. **NON-CONTENTIOUS BUSINESS**

RESOLVED: That agenda items 7, 12 and 18 be taken as non-contentious items.

10. **COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN**

RESOLVED: That the Forward Work Plan be agreed to.

11. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL**

Cllr Simon Carter (seconded by Cllr Eddie Johnson) moved that the recommendations in the report be agreed to.

Cllr Tony Durcan (seconded by Cllr Chris Millington) moved as an amendment:

In recommendation C, to delete "following" and to substitute "prior to".

Amendment lost.

RESOLVED: That –

- A The Committee approves in principle the arrangements for neighbourhood working.
- B The Committee agrees that the arrangements should be piloted in two areas.
- C The Committee agrees that a further report is presented to this Committee following implementation of the pilot schemes.

12. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED: That –

- A The Committee approves the Statement of Accounts at Appendix H.
- B The Committee approves the General Fund revenue budget carry-overs of £46,160 set out in Appendix C.
- C The Committee notes the outturn of capital expenditure in 2008/09 and approves the carry-overs of £1,137,856 as set out in Appendix F.

13. **ANNUAL REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2008/09**

RESOLVED: That -

- A The year-end Annual Treasury Management report be noted.
- B The report be recommended to Full Council

14. **GROWTH AREA FUND ROUND II (GAFF 11) PROJECTS – PROVISION OF NEW MULTIUSE PLAYGROUND IN PRENTICE PLACE AREA (LARKSWOOD SITE)**

RESOLVED: That -

- A The Council appoints Contractor A as the contractor to deliver a new multiuse playground and paddling pool in Prentice Place for a contract sum of £354,516 (exclusive of VAT) subject to formal contract.

15. **WORKING PARTY MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Theatre Development Working Group of 1 April 2009 and the Budget and Performance Monitoring Working Party of 8 April 2009 be noted.

16. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None received.

17. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

18. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 3 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Agreed.

19. **INSURANCE FUND UPDATE**

RESOLVED: That –

The Committee notes the progress being made to redevelop the insurance function and the revised level of the Insurance Fund.

20. **TOWN CENTRE NORTH PROGRESS REPORT**

RESOLVED: That –

The Committee notes the progress with the Town Centre North Scheme.

21. **YORKES LAND DISPOSAL**

RESOLVED: That –

- A The Committees agrees to the disposal of Yorkes land to Harlow Health Centres Trust for reasons set out in this report.
- B That the sale must be completed within 90 days from receipt of the offer by the Council to Harlow Health Centres Trust.
- C In the event recommendation B fails to be reached within the timeframe the land is then placed on the open market inviting tenders with current planning permission.

CHAIRMAN