

MINUTES OF SPECIAL POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON

10 June 2009

7.30pm - 8.01pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Simon Carter (Chairman)

Lee Dangerfield
Chris Millington

Sarah-Jane Dangerfield
John Strachan

Andrew Johnson
Mark Wilkinson

APOLOGIES

Manny Doku

Eddie Johnson

Russell Perrin

SUBSTITUTES

John Strachan for Manny Doku Lee Dangerfield for Eddie Johnson
Sarah-Lee Dangerfield for Russell Perrin

ALSO PRESENT

Jean Clark

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Chris Millington and Jean Clark declared a personal interest in agenda item 5.

2. MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item 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.

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

4. **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SPECIALIST WELFARE RIGHTS AND ADVICE SERVICES**

The Committee received a report on the outcome of the tendering exercise for specialist welfare rights and advice services.

Cllr Simon Carter moved as an amendment:

In paragraph B, after "needs" to add "Any changes will be reported to this Committee".

Agreed to.

RESOLVED that:

- A The Committee agrees in principle that a 5-year contract for £120,000 p.a. is awarded to Harlow Welfare Rights and Advice.
- B Subject to A above the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee be delegated authority to negotiate, clarify and agree any additional points/issues with Harlow Welfare Rights and Advice, including the Balanced Score Card of outputs, prior to entering into a contract; and to enter into a contract on behalf of the Council for the provision of services; and may vary the outputs during the operation of the contract in order to accommodate factors such as those outlined in paragraph 6 of this report and changing community needs. Any changes will be reported to this Committee.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE