

EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present:

Councillors Christophers (Leader), Clemens (Deputy Leader), Barker, Goodey, Bullivant, Hellier-Laing, Lake and Russell.

Members Attendance:

Councillors Clarence, Dewhirst and Prowse.

Officers in Attendance:

Phil Shears, Head of Paid Service
Sue Aggett, Business Lead - Health & Wellbeing
Lesley Tucker, Chief Finance Officer
Kate Davies, Solicitor to the Council
Graham Davey
Fergus Pate – Principal Growth Point Officer
Hannah Milford – Legal Assistant

These decisions will take effect from 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 12 September 2017 unless called-in or identified as urgent in the minute

97. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 July 2017 were confirmed and approved as a correct record.

98. MATTERS OF URGENCY/MATTERS OF REPORT BROUGHT FORWARD WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Leader advised that the Dawlish Suitable Accessible Natural Green Space (SANGS) had had its soft launch on Monday, 4 September with a revised date for an official opening being published in due course. Information suggested that many people had attended the event and positive feedback relating to the area had been received.

99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

100. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

There were no public questions.

101. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 4.5(L) (IF ANY)

There were no notices of motion.

102. RE-TENDER OF INSURANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

Members received a report which requested consideration of the re-tender exercise of the insurance services contract which was now in its final year, by using the Crown Commercial Service framework.

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources advised that the re-tendering exercise was being undertaken jointly with Mid Devon District Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council to achieve the best value possible.

Resolved

That the Council proceeds with the joint procurement of insurance services led by South Hams District Council and enters into a contract(s) with the successful tenderer(s) following an UK/EU compliant procurement process. The contract will be for up to 7 years (3 years with 2 potential 2 year extensions) with approximate revenue costs of £4.2 million.

103. MINUTES OF THE BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the Building Control Partnership Committee held on 21 July 2017.

The Head of the Building Control Partnership advised that due to the financial rules of the host authority (Teignbridge) it was a requirement that the Executive received the minutes of the Partnership Committee for noting and bringing other issues to its attention.

Councillor Hook welcomed the opportunity to review the minutes in open session and suggested the same for other Joint Committees and outside organisations that Teignbridge was a party to. The Head of Paid Service advised that joint bodies such as the Strata Joint Executive Committee and the Joint Habitats Committee each had their minutes scrutinised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee but stated that Building Control came before Executive due to decisions on expenditure being made.

Resolved

That the minutes of the Devon Building Control Partnership Committee be noted.

104. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Forward Plan for the next 12 months was noted and approved.

105. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING.

Resolved

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 12a of the Act.

106. LAND PURCHASE AND WORKS

Members received a report which proposed the purchase of land in order to provide mitigation required to resolve impacts on surrounding land due to population increase.

Members noted the location and proposed size of the land purchase, associated costs and potential for grant funding.

Resolved that Council be recommended to

- (a) Approve the acquisition of land indicated in the agenda report for the creation of Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) with acquisition likely occurring in phases;
- (b) Approve funding of the land purchase and associated costs with an overall budget as set out in the agenda report;
- (c) Delegated authority be granted to the Solicitor of the Council or their nominated representative to complete the purchase in general accordance with the outline terms as set out in the agenda report;
- (d) Subject to a future Council decision on funding, commission a scheme for designing and undertaking works necessary for the creation of SANGS on and adjacent to the site shown in the agenda report;
- (e) Subject to a future Council decision, procure an arrangement for ongoing management and maintenance of the SANGS.

107. COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

The Executive considered a report which sought to bring back into use a substantial detached Victorian property which had been empty and causing a nuisance to the locality since 2002.

Members were advised of the location, case history and current state of affairs regards the property and why resolving to grant authority for the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order was necessary.

Resolved

- (a) That authority be given for the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in respect of the land defined in the agenda report;
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Solicitor to the Council and Strategic Lead for HR & OD to make a compulsory purchase order under section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
- (c) That the Solicitor to the Council and Strategic Lead for HR & OD be authorised to:
 - a. Take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO including the publication and service of all notices;
 - b. To acquire the necessary interests in the land and property included in the confirmed CPO by means of a general vesting declaration; and
 - c. To dispose of the freehold interest in the property, on the open market, by what means she considers the most suitable method and otherwise on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Solicitor to the Council and Strategic Lead for HR & OD.

JEREMY CHRISTOPHERS
Leader