

London Borough of Islington

Executive - 24 March 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 24 March 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Comer-Schwartz, Gill, Lukes, Ngongo, O'Halloran and Turan

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

882 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Champion, Shaikh and Ward.

883 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

884 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2022 be agreed as a correct record, and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

885 MONTHLY BUDGET MONITOR, INCLUDING FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MONTH 10 2021/22)

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the forecast 2021/22 General Fund budget variance be noted (Section 3, Table 1, and Appendices 1-2 of the report).
- (ii) That the forecast in-year budget variance on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) be noted (Section 4 of the report).
- (iii) That it be noted that, at the end of month 10, capital expenditure of £77.512m had been incurred against a 2021/22 full year forecast of £116.276m and against the revised 2021/22 capital budget of £163.395m (Section 5, Table 5, and Appendix 4 of the report).

- (iv) That the compliance with all treasury management limits and indicators set out in the 2021/22 Treasury Management Strategy be noted (Paragraph 3.54 of the report).
- (v) That the latest estimated calls on the corporate transformation fund in 2021/22 be noted (Paragraph 3.66, Table 4, and Appendix 3 of the report).
- (vi) That the amendment to the Sales, Fees and Charges Schedule 2022/23 be noted and agreed (Paragraph 3.30 of the report).

Reasons for decision – to ensure the financial resilience of the Council.

Other options considered – none.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

886 **FUNDING THE FIT-OUT OF THE WOMEN'S BUILDING ON THE FORMER HOLLOWAY PRISON SITE**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That up to £2.9 million (index linked) of Strategic CIL can be allocated to fund the fit-out costs of the Women's Building on the Holloway Prison site subject to a s106 agreement being entered into, as outlined in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.5 of the report, be agreed.
- (ii) That it be noted that such an allocation of funding will only be required if the council as the Local Planning Authority grants planning permission for the redevelopment of the Holloway Prison site and the permission is built out.
- (iii) That it be noted that the s106 agreement attached to the grant of planning permission will require that Peabody has taken every practical step to raise the funding itself and will set out clear criteria to enable the council to measure whether Peabody has taken every practical step possible. These steps shall include the employment of a professional fundraiser for a requisite period.
- (iv) That it be noted that the phasing of any such payment needs to be agreed in a way that ensures that there is no further loss of income to the council in respect of (for example) any interest that would otherwise be accrued by the council in relation to any funding.
- (v) That it be noted that Peabody has offered to include a mid-stage financial viability review mechanism within the s106 agreement. If this mechanism demonstrates that the scheme is in surplus, any surplus will be used to

improve the delivery of affordable housing in Phase Three of the development and/or fund the fit out of the Women's Building.

Reasons for decision – to secure both the fit out of the women's building and the other benefits to be delivered through the redevelopment of the Holloway Prison site.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

887 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN'S CENTRES**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the procurement strategy for Early Years Children's Centres to enable delivery of affordable childcare for children aged 0-5 be approved.
- (ii) That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Corporate Director – Children's Services, following consultation with the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Families.

Reasons for decision – to procure the delivery of high quality early education and childcare provision for children aged 0-5 in children's centres.

Other options considered – as detailed in the report, alternative options included insourcing, partial insourcing, and doing nothing.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

888 **COVID 19 RECOVERY STRATEGY - RESPONSE TO THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S REVIEW**

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the progress made against the recommendations from the review;
- (ii) To note the further work proposed to consolidate and build on the improvements to date.

Reasons for decision – to respond to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

889 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR INTEGRATED COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT SERVICE**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the procurement strategy for Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) be approved as outlined in the report.
- (ii) That authority to award the contract be delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Social Care.

Reasons for decision – to facilitate the provision of equipment to enable someone to live safely and independently in their own home.

Other options considered – as detailed in the report, alternative options included insourcing, open tender or joining an alternative framework

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

890 **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY AND CONTRACT AWARD FOR PAY BY PHONE PARKING SERVICES CONTRACT**

RESOLVED:

That the procurement strategy and contract award for Parking Pay by Phone Service contract to Park-Now Ltd via a direct call-off contract through the ESPO framework agreement 509-19 Parking Management Solutions, Lot 3 (cashless parking solution), for a period of two years commencing on 1 April 2022 with the option for the council to extend for one year, be approved.

Reasons for decision – to allow continuation of the service.

Other options considered – as detailed in the report, alternative options included a competitive procurement process, insourcing, and collaboration with other authorities.

Conflicts of interest / dispensations granted – none

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15 pm