

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**CABINET MEETING
TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER
2023**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 1000 HOURS IN COMMITTEE
ROOMS 3&4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1
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PRESENT: - Councillor Sharon Thompson, Deputy Leader in the Chair

Councillor Nicky Brennan, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities

Councillor Liz Clements, Cabinet Member for Transport

Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources

Councillor Mariam Khan, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment

Councillor Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families

Councillor Saima Suleman, Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

ALSO PRESENT:-

Councillor Robert Alden, Leader of the Opposition (Conservative)

Councillor Morriam Jan (Liberal Democrat)

Councillor Ewan Mackey, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Conservative)

Timothy Bell, Consultant, Corporate Finance

Janie Berry, City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Richard Brooks, Director, Strategy Equalities and Partnerships

Deborah Cadman, Chief Executive

Paul Clarke, Assistant Director (Programmes, Performance and Improvement)

Craig Cooper, Strategic Director of City Operations

Louise Collett, Assistant Director Commissioning, Adult Social Care

Domenic De Bechi, PFI Contract Manager

Cheryl Doran, Assistant Director and CIO, Digital and Customer Services

Nic Fell, Programme Manager, Finance and Governance

Fiona Greenway, Interim Finance Director and Section 151 Officer

Susan Harrison, Director for Children and Families

Paul Langford, Interim Strategic Director, City Housing

Richard Lloyd-Bithell, Assistant Director, Financial Strategy

Philip Nell, Director of Property and Investment

Stephen Philpott, Director, Housing Solutions and Support Service

Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head of Financial Strategy

Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement

Mark Shelswell, Assistant Director, City Operations

Jake Sumner, Policy Advisor, Partnership Insight and Prevention

Jo Tonkin, Assistant Director, Partnerships Insight and Prevention

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Errol Wilson, Committee Services

NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

217. The Chair welcomed attendees and advised, and the Committee noted, that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-1 microsite ([please click this link](#)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.
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APOLOGIES

218. Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of, Councillors John Cotton, Leader of the City Council, Jayne Francis and Roger Harmer. Professor Graeme Betts, Dr Justin Varney, Paul Kitson, and Dr Peter Bishop.
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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

219. The Chair reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at the meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

MINUTES

Councillor Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families stated that as a point of clarification in relation to the item on *Independent Travel Training – Permanent Positions* Councillor Roger Harmer asked about the views of one of the testimonials – Ms Angela Burkett. The AD Home to School Transport and that she was happy to confirm that Ms Burkett was not an active member of the Parent Carer Forum. Councillor McCarthy also confirmed that all the testimonials were supplied in the knowledge that

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they would be part of that report, but Ms Burkett was entitled to do as she had expressed her concerns via the social media accounts.

220. RESOLVED: -

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2023, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

EXEMPT INFORMATION – POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that the reports at Agenda items 12, 13, 14 and 17 contained an exempt appendix within the meaning of Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Chair then enquired whether there were any matters that Members would like to raise on the exempt appendix that may affect the decision to be made or to ask for clarification on a point on the exempt appendix.

As there were no matters that Members wished to raise in relation to the exempt appendices, the Chair advised that the public meeting would carry on to consider the recommendations.

221. RESOLVED:–

That, in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

222. At this juncture the Chair Councillor Sharon Thompson and Deputy Leader of the City Council, made the following statement:-

As you all now know, the Section 151 Officer Fiona Greenway has formally issued a Section 114 Notice to the Government, advising that the Council is unable to close its budget gap in the year ahead.

As a consequence, some reports scheduled for this meeting today have been deferred but I want to stress that despite the significant challenges that we face, we will prioritise core services that our residents rely on, in line with our values of supporting the most vulnerable.

Birmingham City Council faces long-standing issues, including the Council's historic Equal Pay Liability, and the implementation of the Oracle ERP system, which have been compounded by the reality that Birmingham has had £1 billion of funding taken away by successive Conservative governments.

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Local government is facing a perfect storm. Like councils across the country, it is clear that this council faces unprecedented financial challenges, from huge increases in adult social care demand and dramatic reductions in business rates income, to the impact of rampant inflation.

SIGOMA, who represent large local authorities, recently warned that up to 26 local authorities could issue a section 114 notice in the next two financial years. We implemented rigorous spending controls in July, and we have made a request to the Local Government Association for additional strategic support. Today's issuing of a Section 114 Notice is a necessary step as we seek to get our city back on a sound financial footing so that we can build a stronger city for our residents.

This is a challenging time for the council, but we are doing everything that we possibly can to continue supporting the people of Birmingham.

The Chair then invited Fiona Greenway the Section 151 officer to present her statement in relation to the Section 114 Notice. However, due to technical difficulties Deborah Cadman, Chief Executive was asked to read the following statement submitted by Fiona Greenway:-

As the Council's statutory Section 151 Officer, made under section 114 (3) of the Local Government Act 1988, I have issued a Section 114 Notice to Birmingham City Council. It's important that I explain the position before Cabinet move in their reports.

- 1. I have issued my Section 114 report because of the following individual factors as outlined in section 2 of the report:*
 - a. Correspondence from External Audit on 1st September 2023 which raises concerns around the provisions for Equal Pay in prior year accounts, 2020/21 and 2021/22, being materially understated which means the Council would have exhausted its General Fund balance on an accounting basis.*
 - b. Further confirmation of the historic value of the potential Equal Pay liability impacting prior years, which is becoming more evident that it is unaffordable for the council based on existing available reserves. Since the announcement of the Equal Pay liability we have received additional correspondence to put the Council on notice of further litigation from recognised Trade Unions and claimant lawyers.*
 - c. Correspondence from External Audit on 1st September 2023 also enquires around the likelihood of the Council being able to generate savings, additional revenue income, and/or capital receipts to mitigate the financial challenges.*
 - d. A projected deficit of £87m for the 2023/24 financial year, for which the Council does not have sufficient reserves based on the Equal Pay liability above, which is forecast to grow in the 2024/25 financial year.*
 - e. Concerns over the speed and effectiveness of the mitigations which have been put in place to address the in-year budget challenges, and the ability of the Council to address our financial position. We must now make challenging financial decisions and stop non-essential spending.*
 - f. Extensive discussions with External Auditors, regulatory stakeholders, and leading Kings Counsel who have confirmed our assessment of our financial position (i.e. liabilities exceeding assets) and statutory position (i.e. the*

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requirement to issue a S114). This advice has confirmed the points raised above and the case for issuing a S114 notice.

In light of the Section 114 Notice, I have reviewed all of the Cabinet Reports here today, and advised on which ones can go forwards and the reports which will need to be deferred for further consideration.

AGENDA ITEMS REFERRED TO THE SECTION 151 SPENDING CONTROL BOARD

223. The following items on the Agenda was referred to the Section 151 Spending Control Board:-

- NEC Masterplan and Property Strategy
 - Establishment of a Special Purpose Vehicle to Deliver the European Athletics Championships Birmingham 2026
 - Acivico Further Contract Extension
 - Cost of Living Emergency Programme – Phase 2
 - Staying Independent at Home: Adaptation and Improvement Service Contract Award
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WEST MIDLANDS DEEPER DEVOLUTION DEAL

Councillor Sharon Thompson, Deputy Leader introduced the item and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report.

Following a brief discussion it was

224. **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -**

That Cabinet agreed the DDD and the in-principle award of Bus Service Operator's Grant as a Mayoral function. This is in line with the city council leadership's expressed support for the DDD at the time of its publication in March 2023.

SECURING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources introduced the item in the absence of Councillor Jayne Francis and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report highlighting the key points.

Stephen Philpott, Director, Housing Solutions and Support Service noted Councillor Robert Alden's query in relation to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of the report and advised that it was largely about the ability of the local authority to book hotels when it needed hotel provisions for people like officers etc. As a mechanism it was not the ideal route to be booking emergency temporary accommodation but was one we had to use given the circumstances of our need. The reason for seeking the approval today and the ability to use

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Regulation 10 was that was a better tool for the bulk of our need in terms of emergency accommodation. Travelperk UK IRL Ltd (Click Travel) in terms of what was described by Councillor Alden was correct in that travel perks was used because it was the best we had available as a mechanism.

225. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Cabinet:-

- I. Approved the use of Regulation 10.1 (a) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15) to put in place direct rental contracts for land or existing buildings or interests or rights in them with providers supplying Emergency Accommodation (EA);
- II. Approved the strategy for the procurement activity in 7.4 and delegates authority to the Interim Strategic Director of City Housing in conjunction with the Assistant Director Corporate Procurement, the Interim Director of Finance (Section 151) and the City Solicitor & Monitoring Officer (or their delegates) to approve the award of negotiated direct rental contracts with selected providers to supply the Council with EA capacity to meet the Council's statutory obligations; and
- III. Authorised the City Solicitor (or their delegate) to negotiate, execute and complete all necessary documentation to give effect to the above recommendations.

PO403 PACKAGE 4: PROCESSING OF DRY MIXED RECYCLING (DMR)

Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment presented the item and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report. Councillor Mahmood highlighted that the contract gives us flexibility once the technological solutions were in place to collect a wider range of recycling type which would help to increase recycling and reduce the need for landfill or incineration. He added that in terms of the latest development with the Council's finances this Cabinet Committee would act as the spending control review panel as the cost was greater than £0.5m. This proposal was designed to meet our statutory obligations with regards to recycling and will follow the proper procurement process.

Councillor Robert Alden sought assurance that the procurement was done in a way that draws a range as big as possible of competitive bids that could be submitted that was not done in a prohibitive manner that would restrict competition.

Councillor Mahmood responded that most of the information was contained in the private part of the report and that a discussion could be had regarding the issue.

226. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Cabinet:-

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- Authorised the Strategic Director of City Operations to enter into a three-year (3) Agreement with Veolia Environmental Services (UK) PLC (Veolia) for the Processing of Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR) commencing 17 January 2024;
- Authorised that the Strategic Director, City Operations in conjunction with the Director, Street Scene will agree any option to extend for up to two (2) years subject to satisfactory performance and budget availability; and
- Authorised the City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer (or their delegate) to execute, seal and complete all necessary documentation to give effect to the above recommendations.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT PFI CONTRACT – COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Liz Clements, Cabinet Member for Transport presented the item and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report. Councillor Clements then expressed thanks to the officers for the work that had been done over a number of years to carry through the procurement. She further expressed thanks to Kevin Hicks who has left the authority earlier this year.

In response to questions and comments from Councillor Alden, Craig Cooper, Mark Shelswell and Domenic De Bechi made the following statements:-

- a. The procurement has been conducted by Birmingham Highways Limited and was a process that was still ongoing.
- b. We were being asked as a partner of theirs to confirm that we were content with the way that the procurement exercise had been conducted appropriately and to confirm that we were content that we were demonstrating value for money.
- c. They have produced with our oversight the full business case and in that full business case they had addressed each of the value for money criteria that the Department for Transport and His Majesty Treasury laid out and we had confirmed that we were in line with that.
- d. The point at which the contractors were informed we would ensure that that information was shared but at this point as we were still live with the procurement process it was not appropriate for us to share that information as it was not our decision to award but Birmingham Highways Limited's decision to award.
- e. This was a live procurement that we were currently in the middle of and the two bidders that we had (one being the preferred bidder) were private entities, commercially traded entities so releasing that information now ahead of the contract award date could be considered to be inside information. People could go out to look to invest in those companies which could affect their financial standings.
- f. The Council had taken legal advice from its legal advisors DLA Piper on this point and a number of other points that we have with overseeing the procurement.

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- g. We had to be mindful of the fact that there were a number of other stakeholders and parties that were interested in this procurement.
- h. Some of the information we had was commercially confidential and we cannot share it, some of the information we do not have permission from some of the other parties to share especially some of the information around the 2019 agreement.
- i. As officers part of our responsibility was to ensure we were protecting the Council's position and the potential exposure to any claims from any of those parties as we move forward.
- j. We believe the evaluation and the oversight we have as part of this had been conducted appropriately. We have carried out our due diligence for both bidders and we believe either one could be capable of delivering the services, but the preferred bidder was our optimal choice.
- k. We have overseen the evaluation process that has been assessed and independently tested by the advisors that we have on the project. We were confident that we had the level of assurance around the preferred bidder and their appointment to provide assurance back to Cabinet and to Council and the citizens of Birmingham that the procurement was carried out effectively.
- l. In terms of footways we could not disclose the amounts that were in the private report around the investment that we would get from the private bidder into footways.
- m. Footways risks sat with the Council so we have got far more control over where we target that resource and would expect to see as we move forward with the new provider an active programme of work that we manage every year to ensure that footway works was delivered in a timely and appropriate manner.
- n. No one was aware of who the preferred bidder was other than the evaluation team and BHL and we have not shared the information with the Department of Transport either as it was a live procurement and the DfT was taking assurance from the process we have undertaken.
- o. The key point here was that the evaluation was based against the evaluation criteria that had been set out and the preferred bidder was being selected on that basis. The identity of the preferred bidder should not matter in that decision.

227. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Cabinet:-

(i) Approved :-

(a) The Full Business Case (FBC) attached at Appendix A1 to the report (Full Business Case);

(b) Subject to receiving approval from Government:

(i) The appointment of a preferred bidder by Birmingham Highways Limited (BHL) following the agreed procurement process; and

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(ii) That the Council enters into revisions to the PFI contract with BHL implementing the commercial arrangements set out in in Appendix A to the report;

(c) The sources of assurance proposed in Appendix A to the report and approved the resources to put these in place assumed in Appendix A5.

(ii) Delegated authority to:-

(a) The Strategic Director of City Operations and Director of Finance (s151 Officer) or their Delegates to finalise outstanding commercial matters within the parameters set out in Appendix A to the report;

(b) The Strategic Director of City Operations and Director of Finance (s151 Officer) or their Delegates to enter into a joint agreement with BHL for the provision of an Independent Certifier to meet the revised terms of the PFI contract variation approved under (i) (b) (ii) above;

(c) The Assistant Director, Highways and Infrastructure to implement the necessary changes to the structure of the Highways and Infrastructure service to provide the assurance set out in Appendix A to the report, given the proposed changes to the contract, within the identified and approved cash limits; and

(d) The City Solicitor (or their Delegate) to negotiate and complete all necessary documentation to give effect to the above recommendations.

CORPORATE PLAN 2022- 2026: PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY MONITORING REPORT

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Sharon Thompson introduced the item and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report highlighting the key points.

In response to questions and comments from Members the officers made the following statements:-

- a. In relation to the Council Tax we have now started to reengaged in terms of enforcement actions and had started chasing these and the direct debit was now working so we should start seeing some improvement as we go through the year.
- b. In terms of the medium-term financial strategy we currently had a budget gap for this year and over the next three years, but it was hoped that this would improve as we go through the year in terms of savings and other efficiencies it was expected that this would be positive as we get through the autumn and was aiming to set a balanced budget.
- c. When Oracle came in there was a transition period and enforcement action was stopped as we wanted to ensure that the records were clean. As things were getting better now we should be back up to the collection and taking action where we needed to take action.
- d. With regard to the budget gap every year at the first part of the year the budget gap has been identified to ascertain what the gap would be for

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the next three years with work taking place and Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) and other colleagues discussing budget savings, and these should be available within the next three months. The Chief Executive undertook to arrange for a written statement to be provided to this meeting concerning the issue.

- e. Concerning the Private Rented Sector the number of properties we had to inspect each year was about 500. We were looking to benchmark our performance against other authorities, and this was a piece of work that was ongoing. In relation to the point of success Craig Cooper undertook to get back to Councillor Mackey to work the issue through with him.

Councillor Majid Mahmood stated that in terms of the graffiti, the percentage of clearance of 14.3% was low and the performances was not good enough. He added that he had taken the issue up with the officers as he was assured that offensive racist graffiti was removed within 24 hours of it being notified to the team. There appeared to be an issue with multiple reporting including third party platforms and this was delaying the reports reaching the team. We were looking at what could be done as well as resourcing.

Councillor Majid Mahmood noted Councillor Jan's comments concerning the recycling rates and advised that these were improving, and we were looking at how we could do more as this was an area where there was room for improvement. We recently ran a mini campaign on social media based on a video that puts out the key message what could and could not be recycled in an effort to reduce contamination. We have also proactively promoted the fact that people with enough storage space could request a second recycling bin. We wanted to help people recycle as much waste as possible which will improve our rate and help us on to the route of net zero and generate income for the city. We were continuing work with a range of partners such as *Keep Britain Tidy* and *Reed London*.

In terms of the Household Recycling Centres, we were finalising plans that would extend the range of materials that could be recycled – bulky waste service in its present form. Regarding net zero as a Council we could not get to where we wanted to get to with net zero. We were engaging with young people and there will be some community engagement with postcode lottery defining who we needed to engaged with across the city. There were also newsletters that everyone could sign up to where we informed people of where we have gotten to with net zero.

Councillor Clements noted Councillor Jans comment in relation to public transport and other contributions from transport and advised that we were using our net surplus revenue from the Clean Air Zone to invest in public transport infrastructure and promoting air quality monitors in schools and safe routes around the schools so that people could feel safe to walk with their children to school. This was a key element in decarbonising our transport system but also tackling congestion and air pollution. In terms of public transport we should not forget that buses in Birmingham were the mass transit system and that across the West Midlands 700k people take the buses every day. The Council was not the provider of public transport.

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Richard Brooks, Director, Strategy Equalities and Partnerships referred to the social media item and stated that the total number of followers indicated in the report was for all of our different channels, and we had one of the largest followership of any Council. The benchmark was set relative to other places that were smaller as a proportion of their population. Within that overall number of about 290k followers we had significant and growing followings in our most innovative channels – TikTok 700k views per month of Birmingham City Council's videos, a vibrant Twitter and a LinkedIn account where we were seeing the growth in our social media followership.

The Deputy Leader expressed thanks to all the officers concerned for all of their efforts and ensuring we were thriving as best we could and moving things forward.

228. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Cabinet noted the performance and progress against the priorities and ambitions set out in the Council's Corporate Plan 2022-2026.

ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SEND COMMISSIONER'S SECOND REPORT

Councillor Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families presented the item and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report highlighting the key points.

Councillor Robert Alden referred to the written update in the appendix to the report and requested that a verbal update be given to the Committee now concerning what has happened in the action plan since July 2023. He further enquired whether the Council has made the Commissioner aware of the issues within Oracle both financial and the impact it had on the Council to be able to do DBS checks, right to work checks to ensure that new starters in this area given the historical issues of failed DBS checks in this area, the equal pay issues and the Housing Ombudsman issues. He then expressed congratulations to all the staff on the progress so far on the service in this area and the work they have been putting in. Councillor Alden requested that the Cabinet Member to submit an assessment around what impact these spending control was now having on the ability to progress these action plans and improvement in this area going forward.

Councillor McCarthy responded that this was us reporting the report of the Commissioner rather than an update on the Accelerated Progress Plan, but we will look at how we make information available. She added that it linked to the child friendly city work rather than the specifics of SEND that all our other services were important to how our children and young people grow up and thrive in the city. From the whole portfolio this was not a narrow discussion on our children and young people with additional needs it linked strongly to the child friendly city work.

Susan Harrison, Director for Children and Families advised that regular one to ones with the Commissioner as well as our agenda setting work meetings and

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Improvement Board meetings. She highlighted that John Coughlan was well briefed on any potential challenges that the Council was facing that could impact on our SEND improvement journey. We reported regularly at the SEND Improvement Board against the criteria for the Accelerated Progress Plan and we have met the milestones. As the report stated we were starting from a low base and there was still a lot of work to do but we were delivering what we say we would deliver by the timescales which was set out in the Plan.

The Chair placed on record her thanks to the SEND Improvement Board and John Coughlan for his report and the work that he has done here in Birmingham. Councillor McCarthy and Susan Harrison in particular and everyone in the directorate that was involved with all the work as this was vital to all the SEND young people within our city.

229. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Cabinet:-

- 1) Accepted the recommendations made by the Commissioner in his second report (published May 2023, dated February 2023);
- 2) Noted the updated action plan appended with this report that sets out progress against the recommendations set out in the Commissioner's first report (published May 2022); and
- 3) Noted the action plan appended with this report that sets out how the recommendations from the Commissioner's second report will be addressed and the progress made since the Commissioner drafted his report.

KEY DECISION PLANNED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES (OCTOBER 2023 – DECEMBER 2023) AND QUARTERLY CONTRACT AWARD SCHEDULE (APRIL 2023 – JUNE 2023)

Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources introduced the item and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report.

Councillor Robert Alden referred to the Electronic Bill Payment and Pre-paid Cards item and enquired why this was only coming forward now as we would have known the day the contract was signed when it was expiring. He enquired why this was not submitted at an earlier Cabinet meeting.

Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement undertook to bring back additional information as to the timetable on this as it was unclear as to whether there was any issues as to the lateness behind that.

230. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Cabinet:-

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- ❖ Approved the planned procurement activities as set out in Appendix 1 to the report and approved Chief Officer delegations, set out in the Constitution, for the subsequent decisions around procurement strategy; and
- ❖ Noted the contract award decisions made under Chief Officers delegation during the period April 2023 – June 2023 as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.

NON-KEY DECISION PLANNED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES (OCTOBER 2023 – DECEMBER 2023) AND QUARTERLY CONTRACT AWARD SCHEDULE (APRIL 2023 – JUNE 2023)

Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources introduced the item and drew the attention of Cabinet to the information contained in the report.

231. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Cabinet:-

- (i) Approved the planned procurement activities as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 to the report and approved Chief Officer delegations, set out in the Constitution for the subsequent decisions around procurement strategy; and
- (ii) Noted the contract award decisions made under Chief Officers delegation during the period April 2023 – June 2023 as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

232. No item of urgent business was raised.

The meeting ended at 1113 hours.

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