

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 12 May 2016

Present

Councillors Rankin (Convener), Bill Cook (Vice-Convener), Aitken (substituting for Councillor Whyte), Corbett, Dixon, Edie, Gardner (substituting for Councillor Godzik), Griffiths, Bill Henderson, Ricky Henderson, Jackson, McVey and Walker.

1(a) Deputation: Scottish Care – Care at Home Contract

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Rene Rigby, Carol Craig and Swaran Rakhra on behalf of Scottish Care in relation to Item 7.5 – Care at Home Contract.

The main points raised by the deputation were:

- Out of all the organisations that registered an interest in submitting a tender for the care at home contract, 77% did not submit a tender.
- The contractual rate of per hour was £16.00 minus 10 per cent, £14.40 per hour – this was not included in the report to Committee.
- The terms and conditions around the application of penalties to providers had not been set out and this was an unacceptable risk for providers as it could result in them going out of business.

The Convener thanked the Deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Paul Edie declared a non-financial interest as Chair of the Care Inspectorate.

1(b) Care at Home Contract

Approval was sought to award contracts to eight providers for the provision of Care at Home Services in eleven neighbourhood areas.

Decision

To approve the award of contracts for the provision of care at home services in the individual neighbourhoods listed below, subject to receipt of directions and confirmation of funding by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB).

Neighbourhood	Provider
1. Almond	Avenue Care Services
2. Craightinny/Duddingston	Call-In Homecare
3. Forth	Real Life Options
4. Inverleith	Real Life Options
5. Leith	The Human Support Group
6. Liberton/Gilmerton	Call-In Homecare
7. Pentlands	Shaw Healthcare
8. Portobello/Craigmillar	SCRT
9. South Central	Social Care Alba
10. South West	Shaw Healthcare
11. Western Edinburgh	Careline Homecare

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Paul Edie declared a non-financial interest as Chair of the Care Inspectorate.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 29 October 2015 (Item 14); report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Finance and Resources Committee of 17 March 2016 as a correct record.

3. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Finance and Resources Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan from 12 May 2016 to 9 June 2016 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan from 12 May 2016 to 9 June 2016.

(Reference – Finance and Resources Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan, 12 May 2016 to 9 June 2016, submitted.)

4. Rolling Actions Log

The Finance and Resources Committee Rolling Actions Log for 27 August 2015 to 17 March 2016 was submitted.

Decision

To note that Items 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 had been closed.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, 27 August 2015 to 2 February 2016, submitted.)

5. Transformation Programme: Progress Update

A single, consolidated status update was provided on the Council Transformation Programme, aimed at delivering a lean and agile Council, centred on customers, services and communities.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress to date with the realisation of savings through organisational reviews.
- 2) To note the progress made to date with the major workstreams.
- 3) To note the updated VERA/HR figures contained within the report and that more detailed information was available in the Managing Workforce Change dashboard contained within Item 7.2 on the agenda.
- 4) To note the management information dashboards attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 17 March 2016 (item 1(b)); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

6. Managing Workforce Change – Workforce Dashboard

Details were provided of monitoring information on the number of employees that had exited the Council through Voluntary Early Release (VERA) and Voluntary Redundancy (VR), the associated annualised cost savings, the number of surplus staff and associated costs, the number of managers that had participated in the Leading for Change Transformation development programme and the number of VERA applications declined and the reasons for them being declined.

Decision

To note progress made to date.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 17 March 2016 (item 9); report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

7. Revenue and Capital Budget Framework 2016/20 Update

Committee considered a report that provided an overview of a number of recent announcements, subject to the outcome of the upcoming Scottish Parliamentary elections that may impact on the revenue and capital budget framework going forward.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that progress in the delivery of approved savings and any material changes to the budget framework assumptions would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee later in the year.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 17 March 2016 (item 4); report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

8. Report by the Accounts Commission – An overview of Local Government in Scotland 2016

Details were provided of a report by the Accounts Commission, as part of its annual programme of scrutiny and inspection across Scotland's local authorities that drew on work undertaken in the preceding year and summarised findings and key themes that emerged from financial statement, Best Value, Community Planning and wider performance audits.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee as part of its work programme.

(References – Act of Council (No 10), 10 March 2016; report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

9. Disabilities Complex Care Contract

Approval was sought to award a contract to Living Ambitions Ltd for the provision of a Disabilities Complex Care Housing and Support Service.

Decision

To approve the award of a contract to Living Ambitions Ltd for the provision of a Disabilities Complex Care Housing and Support Service.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Paul Edie declared a non-financial interest as Chair of the Care Inspectorate.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

10. Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme

Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme had been launched by the Scottish Government as part of its commitment to energy efficiency as a national infrastructure priority and as a means of meeting targets on fuel poverty and climate change. The first phase of the programme would provide funding for a number of pathfinder projects which aimed to integrate both domestic and non domestic energy efficiency projects.

Decision

To approve Edinburgh's application to Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

11. Provision of a City Wide Car Sharing Scheme

Committee considered a report that required approval to appoint City Car Club Ltd, to provide a city wide car sharing scheme for the City of Edinburgh Council.

Decision

To approve the appointment of City Car Club Ltd, to provide a city wide car sharing scheme for the City of Edinburgh Council which would commence on 1 July 2016 for a period of four years, with an optional extension of up to a further three periods of 12 month, each undertaken at the sole discretion of the Council.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

12. Approval for the Appointment of Consultants to Design Cycling and Walking Schemes

Decision

To continue the report to the next Finance and Resources Committee being held on 9 June 2016, subject to confirmation of funding from Sustrans.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

13. Contract Award Under Urgency Procedure – Cafe Concessions for Parks and Greenspace and Museums and Galleries – Lot 2

Committee considered a report advising the action that had been taken to award Lot 2 - East Princes Street Gardens Kiosk under urgency powers following the satisfactory completion of the due diligence process.

Decision

To note the action taken to award Lot 2 – East Princes Street Gardens to GIPA Capital Ltd under urgency provisions as described in paragraph 4.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 17 March 2016 (item 21); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

14. Property Conservation - Programme Momentum Progress Report and Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service Update

An update was provided on the progress of Programme Momentum and the Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service (ESRS).

Decision

- 1) To note the management information dashboard reports in Appendix 1 of the report.

- 2) To note the progress of debt recovery work.
- 3) To note the progress of the settlement process.
- 4) To note the update on the pilot progress and phased implementation of the Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service (ESRS).

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 17 March 2016 (item 33); report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

15. Proposed New Lease at 56 High Street, Edinburgh

Approval was sought to grant a new 10 year lease to Palenque (Edinburgh) Limited on the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

Decision

To approve the grant of a new 10 year lease to Palenque (Edinburgh) Limited of retail premises at 56 High Street, Edinburgh, on the terms outlined in the report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Acting Executive Director of Resources.

(Reference – report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

16. Disposal of Land adjacent to 257a Colinton Road, Edinburgh

Details were provided of a report which sought approval for the owners of the cottage at 257a Colinton Road, Edinburgh, to purchase 26.81 sq metres of Council owned land that they had been using as garden ground.

Decision

- 1) To approve the disposal of approximately 26.81 sq metres of land adjacent to the cottage at 257a Colinton Road to Jenny and David Terris, on the terms and conditions outlined in the report and on other terms to be agreed by the Acting Executive Director of Resources.
- 2) To agree to include in future reports of this kind that each application for disposal of land would be considered on its own merit and no precedence set for automatic sale to those who had already been using the land.

(Reference – report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

17. Proposed Disposal of 0.22 Ha at Edinburgh Capital Hotel, 187 Clermiston Road

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the Finance and Resources Committee being held on 9 June 2016 to allow the Acting Head of Corporate Property to liaise with the bidder regarding protection of the right of way through the car park from Clermiston Road, towards Rannoch Road.

(Reference - report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

18. Additional Function Space and Offices Project – Investment Sale of Atria Offices

Details were provided of the construction of the Additional Function Space (AFS) and Offices project, which involved the construction of an expansion to the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) and a speculative grade A office development.

Decision

- 1) To note the successful completion of the Additional Function Space (AFS) and Offices construction project on time and within budget.
- 2) To note the investment sale of the offices (Atria One and Two) as shown outlined red in the attached plan to the report, for a gross price of £105.25 million.
- 3) To pass on thanks from the Finance and Resources Committee to the lead officer, Ruth Macdonald, for her management of the sale.

(References – Act of Council (No 6), 24 June 2010; report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

19. Resolution to consider in private

The Committee, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

20. Property Conservation – Claims Recovery

An update was provided on the work carried out to date reviewing the potential to recover sums from contractors and consultants, written off under the Project Joule review.

Decision

Detailed in the Confidential Schedule, signed by the Convener, with reference to this minute.

(Reference – report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)