

Minutes

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday 3 March 2022

Present

Councillors Munn (Convener), Griffiths (Vice-Convener), Booth (items 1 to 31 and 33 to 36), Bruce, Gordon, Hutchison, Johnston, Neil Ross, Staniforth and Watt.

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Finance and Resources Committee of 9 December 2021 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Finance and Resources Committee of 3 February 2022 as a correct record.

2. Work Programme

The Finance and Resources Committee Work Programme as at March 2022 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme of 3 March 2022, submitted.)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Finance and Resources Committee Rolling Actions Log as at March 2022 was submitted.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 1 – Award of Contract for Site Redevelopment Works at North Cairntow Traveller Site
 - Action 2 (1) – Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update
 - Action 5 – Award of Flexible Purchasing System and Contracts for Temporary Accommodation
 - Action 6 – Consultants Costs 2020/21
 - Action 8 – Revenue Budget Monitoring 2021/22 – month six position
 - Action 9 – Contract Award Recommendation Report for Furniture Removal and Storage, Design and Move Management

- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log of 3 March 2022, submitted.)

4. Partnership with Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust

a) Deputation by Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust

The deputation highlighted the work they had undertaken within Edinburgh to improve the quality of greenspaces during the Trust's 30-year period working with the Council to date. The group requested the support of the Committee to establish the new framework agreement which would allow the Trust to continue to deliver important projects in Edinburgh, delivering greenspaces and community projects.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

A report proposed the establishment of a new framework agreement with Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) to replace the current framework that had reached its end date. It would enable the Council to continue to deliver green space, environmental and community projects with the Trust. Grant contributions would be secured by ELGT over and above Council funding, to enable greater volume, scope and quality of improvement initiatives than that which would be accomplished by Council funding in isolation.

Decision

- 1) To approve the establishment of a Framework Agreement with Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust, to place contracts to deliver green space projects, with no guarantee of volume, for a period of four years from 3 March 2022 to 31 March 2026.
- 2) To note that under this Agreement, ELGT would continue to provide specialist services to the Council which were in the best interests of the Council, with a signed off financial ceiling by the Council of £3,000,000 over the four-year period.
- 3) To note that ELGT would continue to undertake projects with an expectation that, on average, the Council would receive £2.50 benefit for each £1 of investment.

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

5. Annual Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23

A report set out the Treasury Management Strategy for the Council for 2022/23, which comprised an Annual Investment Strategy and a Debt Management Strategy.

Decision

- 1) To note the Annual Treasury Strategy 2022/23 and refer it to Governance Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny and to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval of the report and the change to the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement.
- 2) To note the key points in the report that:

- The Council had borrowed £497m over the last three years.
- The Council's total capital expenditure was forecast to be £2.495bn between 2021/22 and 2025/26 with an underlying need to borrow at 31 March 2026 forecast to be £2.391bn.
- The Council would continue to fund its Capital Financing Requirement from temporary investment balances over the next year, locking out the risk where appropriate.
- The Council would continue to seek opportunities to mitigate future interest rate risk with alternatives to the Public Works Loan Board.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

6. Sustainable Capital Strategy 2022-32 – Annual Report

The proposed capital strategy for 2022-32 was presented, providing a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contributed to the infrastructure and provision of services for the benefit of Edinburgh communities and citizens.

Decision

- 1) To note the Capital Strategy, as set out in Appendix 1, and to refer it to full Council for approval.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee ahead of full Council to ensure there would be scrutiny prior to the Local Government Elections in May.
- 3) To note that capital expenditure priorities were being considered in line with the Council's priorities and the Council Business Plan.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

7. Revenue Budget Update 2022/23 – Update

An update was provided on the revenue budget for 2022/23 following approval by Council in February 2022, including an overview of the decisions made and updates on a number of other relevant issues affecting next and future years' budgets.

Decision

- 1) To note the outcome of the Council's budget-setting meeting on 24 February 2022.
- 2) To note the updates on the provision of additional funding for 2022/23.
- 3) To note nonetheless, the significant projected funding gaps in 2023/24 and subsequent years of the budget framework and the consequent need to develop corresponding savings proposals to form the basis of subsequent public engagement later in the year.

(References – Act of Council No 2 of 24 February 2022; report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

8. Review of Effectiveness of Scrutiny of the Finance and Resources Committee - Self-Evaluation and Lessons Learnt

A summary of a self-evaluation workshop undertaken by Finance and Resources Committee members on 8 February 2022 was provided. It assessed current political management arrangements, committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from the current Council term.

Decision

- 1) To note the outputs from the self-evaluation workshop undertaken by the Finance and Resources Committee members on 8 February 2022 to assess current political management arrangements, committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term.
- 2) To note the outputs from the self-evaluation workshop would be used to inform the design of political management arrangement proposals and support provided to elected members around the local government election 2022 and the following council term.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

9. Multi-Functional Device and General Print Policy

The Council's proposed Multi-Functional Device and General Print Policy was presented for approval by the Committee.

Decision

To approve the Multi-Functional Device and General Print Policy.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

10. Award of Contract for the Provision of Storage, Management, Transportation and Disposal of Council Records

Approval was sought to award a contract for the provision of Storage, Management, Transportation and Disposal of Council Records to Iron Mountain (UK) Plc to commence on 1 April 2022 for a period of five years, with two optional extensions of three and two years, at a total estimated value of £1,725,241.03.

Decision

- 1) To approve the award of a contract for the provision of Storage, Management, Transportation and Disposal of Council Records to Iron Mountain (UK) Plc.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the contract on the 1 April 2022, for a period of five years, with two optional extensions of three and two years (5+3+2), at a total estimated value of £1,725,241.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

11. Solicitors Fees in relation to Historic Child Abuse Claims

Details were provided on the background to the current position in terms of solicitors' costs for civil litigation claims received, which had evolved since the initial contract/agreement was put in place.

Decision

To note the report and approve the additional £250,000 waiver of contract standing orders that would be required to continue to process and defend civil litigation claims in relation to historic child abuse via an agreement with Clyde & Co.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

12. Common Good Asset Register – Biannual Update

Following the decision by Council in January 2016 to develop and maintain a common good asset register, biannual updates were presented. A report set out the current position.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that further reports would be brought to Committee on a biannual basis.
- 3) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for consideration.

(References – Act of Council No 2 of 21 January 2016; report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

13. Community Asset Transfer Update

The Community Asset Transfer Update report provided information on the current position in terms of process, timescale and status of community asset transfer applications.

Decision

- 1) To note the current process and timescales for dealing with Community Asset Transfer requests.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for noting.

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

14. Mixed Tenure Improvement Service Pilot Progress

Details were provided on the progress of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service (MTIS) pilot and the results of a mini gateway review undertaken to measure progress of the delivery in year one of the three-year Pilot. The report also proposed an extension of the Scheme of Assistance measures trialled in the pilot.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service Pilot to help support common repairs and maintenance in blocks where there was a mix of Council and privately-owned homes.
- 2) To note the planned expansion of the pilot programme, to accelerate the delivery of fabric repairs and energy efficiency in mixed tenure blocks in the city.
- 3) To agree to extend the Scheme of Assistance measures approved for the MTIS pilot, to all Housing Revenue Account led mixed tenure projects undertaken in the city.

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

15. Citywide High Rise – Full Building Condition Surveys 2022-2023

Approval was sought for a direct award to Faithful and Gould, the rank one supplier under Lot 11 (Multi-Disciplinary Lot) of the Council's new Professional Services Framework to undertake full building condition and structural surveys across 36 multi-story blocks. The commission would commence on 3 April 2022 for a period of 18 months with the option to extend if required, to a total value of £1,882,207.

Decision

- 1) To approve a direct award to Faithful and Gould, the rank one supplier under Lot 11 (Multi-Disciplinary Lot) of the Council's Professional Services Framework to undertake full building condition and structural surveys across 36 multi-story blocks.
- 2) To note the contract commencement would be 4 April 2022 for a period of 18 months with the option to extend if required at a total value of £1,882,207.
- 3) To note that as outlined in the Council's Contract Standing Orders, there was a requirement for Finance and Resources Committee to approve any service contract over £1,000,000. As the value of this service order was £1,882,207, authority to award was being sought.

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

16. Homelessness Services – Use of Temporary Accommodation

Approval was sought to extend 41 current contracts for the provision of temporary accommodation for the period March 2022 to June 2022 in the first instance, totalling £5.2m on a spot purchase arrangement, in addition to continuing the use the Haymarket Hub for the provision of temporary accommodation until the end of March 2023. The Committee was also asked to note 14 short-term contracts extensions had already been awarded under urgency provisions and the short-term extensions awarded during 2020/21 under emergency provisions.

Decision

- 1) To approve, through a waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSOs), to extend 41 current contracts for the provision of temporary accommodation. This arrangement covered the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022, up to a cost of £5.2m using a spot purchase arrangement (Appendix 1).
- 2) To note that the values requested per provider were indicative only and were dependent on accommodation requirements, therefore Committee was asked to grant delegated authority to the Executive Director of Place to adjust (within the agreed budget) the values between the named providers as necessary depending on need, type and appropriateness of properties available from those providers.
- 3) To approve, through a waiver of the Council's CSOs, to extend the current contract for the Haymarket Hub until the end of March 2023, to meet ongoing demand for temporary accommodation. A proposed use of the building should an alternative venue for the Welcome Centre not be found was also contained in the report. The value of this contract was noted in Appendix 1.
- 4) To note the short-term extensions that had already been awarded to 14 contracts, as noted in Appendix 2.

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

17. Award of Pre-Development Contract for Meadowbank Mixed Use Development

Approval was sought to appoint a Development Partner and to award a pre-development contract for services for the Meadowbank Mixed Use Development following a procurement process. Following successful completion of the pre-development period, a report seeking authority to proceed with the development of the site would be brought to a future Finance and Resources Committee meeting.

Decision

- 1) To approve the award of a pre-development contract to the Edinburgh Meadowbank Group (a consortium comprising of John Graham Holdings, Panacea Property Development and Miller Homes for the housing led development located at Meadowbank, Edinburgh at a total anticipated cost of £1.045m.
- 2) To note that a further report would be brought to the Committee following the completion of the pre-development period in 2023 which would seek approval of the final business case and request permission to enter into a Development Agreement to construct the design finalised during the pre-development period.

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

18. Approval to Proceed to Construction Works Stage at Macmillan Hub, Pennywell

Approval was sought for the continuation of a delivery agreement for the works stage of the construction of Macmillan Hub, which would create a building shared between the Council and North Edinburgh Arts as an anchor community organisation. The overall aim was to provide education, lifelong learning, arts, culture and employment support for this area of the city. The project would deliver on the Council's commitment to "live well locally" by providing a range of services to the immediate and surrounding communities.

Decision

- 1) To approve the continuation of the Delivery Agreement with Robertson Construction Group Ltd to encompass the works stage for the construction of Macmillan Hub, Pennywell, subject to the conditionality set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note the anticipated works stage value of £15.489m.

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

19. Award of Contract for Construction of New Homes at Western Villages, Granton Waterfront

Approval was sought to appoint CCG (Scotland) Ltd under Lot 2 of the New Building Housing Framework Agreement, approved by the Finance and Resources Committee on 10 October 2019, to build 388 homes for affordable rent at Western Villages in Granton, with an expected construction value of £71,000,000. Works were due to commence in May 2022.

Decision

- 1) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place, in line with the Scheme of Delegation, to award a contract to CCG (Scotland) Ltd under Lot 2 of the City of Edinburgh Council's New Build Housing Framework Agreement. This contract would provide Stage Two main works services at Western Villages, Granton Waterfront. The authority would allow the contract to be awarded by the Executive Director of Place, subject to the final tender price being within the overall affordability envelope of the expected £71,000,000 contract value.
- 2) To note the expected value of the main works contract was £71,000,000 to build 388 new affordable rented homes.
- 3) To note the site would also deliver 56 homes for sale through a development agreement with the contractor, with ownership of the homes passing to the individual purchasers on completion.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee of 10 October 2019 (item 15); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Munn declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Board member of Edinburgh Living.

20. Granton Waterfront Phase 1 – Pre-Development Services – Delegated Authority Award of Contract

Approval was sought to delegate authority, in line with the Scheme of Delegation, to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee to award a contract for the Granton Waterfront Phase 1 project to the tenderer identified as the most economically advantageous. Political Group spokespeople for Finance and Resources would also be provided with a briefing on the outcome of the procurement process.

Decision

- 1) To approve delegated authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee, to award a contract for pre-development services related to Phase 1 of the Granton Waterfront Development following the outcome of the ongoing procurement process.
- 2) To note the contract commencement would be on or before 1 July 2022.
- 3) To note that a briefing would be provided to each Group's spokes people outlining the outcome of the procurement process following its completion.

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

21. Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 5 November 2021 - referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee referred a report on Internal Audit overdue findings and Key Performance Indicators. The findings relevant to the remit of the Finance and Resources Committee were presented. The overall progress status for closure of overdue IA findings was amber (stable with limited change) as at 5 November 2021, based on the average position across the last three months.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 14 December 2021 (item 5); referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

22. Education and Children's Services Contract Extensions

A report set out the Education and Children's Services commissioning activity and how this impacted the contractual arrangement including the requirement to waive the Contract Standing Orders to allow contracts to be extended at the expiry of the current contract duration.

Decision

To note the contract extensions awarded under urgency provisions in accordance with section 4.1 of the Council's Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions by the Director of Education and Children's Services, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee on 11 January 2022.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, submitted.)

23. Health and Social Care Contract Extension Report

A report set out the current Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership commissioning activity and how this impacted contractual arrangements including the requirement to waive the requirement of Contract Standing Orders to allow contracts to be extended at the expiry of the current contract duration.

Decision

- 1) To approve the extension of the Health and Social Care contracts outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership.
- 2) To delegate authority to the Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to approve the award of a new contract for Aids for Daily Living.

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

24. Health and Safety Performance in 2021

Details were provided on the performance against the Council's Health and Safety priorities for 2021, as agreed in the Health and Safety Strategy and Plan for 2020 – 2022. The principal focus for 2021 was to consolidate and review the Council's Corporate Health and Safety offering.

Decision

To note the health and safety progress and performance in 2021.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

25. Contract Awards and Procurement Programme (Period 1 July to 31 December 2021)

An update was provided on the scope of contracts awarded across the Council in the period 1 July to 31 December 2021. This provided visibility of contracts awarded by officers under delegated authority, including direct contract awards not openly tendered due to specific circumstances permitted in the relevant procurement regulations and those awarded following a waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders.

Decision

To note the report and the contract awards made by officers under delegated authority, in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders, and that a further report would be submitted to the Committee in approximately six months' time.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

26. Summary Report on Property Transactions concluded under Delegated Authority

A report advised the Committee of all new lease agreements and sales of surplus property. concluded in terms of the Council's 'Scheme of Delegation to Officers'.

Decision

To note the 23 transactions detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place which had been concluded in terms of the Council's 'Scheme of Delegation to Officers'.

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

27. Abbeymount Techbase – Proposed New Lease

A report sought approval to grant a 75-year lease to Out of the Blue (OOTB) and Education Trust on the terms and conditions outlined. OOTB occupied most of the business units within Abbeymount Techbase on various short-term leases.

Decision

To approve a 75-year lease of Abbeymount Techbase to Out of the Blue Arts Education Trust on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Place.

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

28. Award of Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service Framework Agreement

A report outlined the result of a competitive tender process for the provision of the Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service (ESRS) Framework Agreement and recommend the appointment of multiple contractors.

Decision

- 1) To approve the appointment of a two-lot multiple contractor Framework Agreement for the Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service, the recommended contractors being those identified in Appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the Framework Agreement on 1 April 2022 for a period of two years with two optional 12-month extensions at a total estimated value of £4 million.

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

29. 23 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh - Proposed Lease Extension

Approval was sought to grant a 42-year lease extension to Tilstone Industrial Limited on the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

Decision

To approve a 42-year lease extension to Tilstone Industrial Limited of ground at 23 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh on the terms outlined in the report by the Executive Director of Place and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Place.

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

30. Impact Scotland: Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Funding

Details were provided on plans from The International Music and Performing Arts Charitable Trust Scotland (IMPACT Scotland) to build and operate a new world-class performance venue in the heart of Edinburgh which would deliver a wide range of performance, education and outreach programmes alongside digital and broadcasting facilities, leading to extensive public engagement. The business case had been given sustained and proper consideration by Council officials and officials from the Scottish and United Kingdom Governments.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress of IMPACT Scotland on the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal (ESES CRD) commitment to deliver a world-class concert hall and performance venue to reinforce Edinburgh's position as a pre-eminent Festival City.
- 2) To note the revised business case submitted by IMPACT Scotland for the Centre attached at Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To note the funding package for the centre which comprised £5m from the Council's capital budget, £20m from Scottish and UK Governments, via the ESES CRD, and £50m from private sector contributions and approve the release of this funding for the development of The Dunard Centre.
- 4) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place, subject to the arrangements set out in paragraph 4.13 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, to enter into a funding agreement with IMPACT Scotland.

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

31. Active Travel Investment Programme - Programme Management Office Support

A report sought approval for the extension of a current contract with Turner and Townsend (with support from Anturas Consulting) via a waiver of Contract Standing Orders) for the continuing provision of Programme Management Office support for the Active Travel Investment Programme.

Decision

- 1) To approve an extension of the current contract with Turner and Townsend (with support from Anturas Consulting), via a waiver of Contract Standing Orders for the continuing provision of Programme Management Office support for the Active Travel Investment Programme and for continuing provision of project management support for the Local Development Plan Action Programme.
- 2) To note the value of this waiver would be up to £150,000.

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

32. Russell Road Site - Consideration for Gaelic Medium Education High School – Motion by Councillor Staniforth

The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

- “1) Notes the decision of this committee on 4 March 2021 to approve a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Russell Road Edinburgh Ltd (RREL) in order to explore regeneration of Russell Road, part of which is in the council's ownership and is currently in use as a depot.
- 2) Notes that to date no MoU has been signed.
- 3) Notes the decision of the Education, Children and Families Committee on 24 January 2022 not to proceed to a statutory consultation on a proposal for a new Gaelic Medium Education (GME) secondary school, but rather to continue informal consultation in order to identify a possible site for the school which is more centrally located.
- 4) Notes the council site at Russell Road is one of the alternative sites under consideration for a GME high school, but notes that one of the reasons for it being unsuitable is, "the site was not available for a school development due to a previous approval as part of the council's depot strategy".
- 5) Therefore, agrees to suspend efforts to sign a MoU for Russell Road until such time as the feasibility of the site to host the GME Secondary school have been completed and reported back to this committee.”

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Gordon

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Staniforth.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Booth declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a parent of children in Gaelic Medium Education, left the meeting and took no part in the consideration of the item.

33. Annual Report – Debt Write-off

The Committee in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

A summary of debt deemed uncollectable and written off during 2020/21 was provided.

Decision

- 1) To note the sums due to the Council that had been written off during 2020/21 and the low value (0.6%) this represented compared to the overall level of income.
- 2) To note the write off values for 2020/21 (0.6%) were lower than 2019/20 (0.7%) levels.
- 3) To note while a debt would be written off for accounting purposes, cases would be reviewed, and payment appropriately pursued, if there was a material change in the debtor's circumstances.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

34. Insurance Renewal 2022

The Committee in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Approval was sought for an extension to existing insurance arrangements via a waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders in light of the current market.

Decision

Detailed in the confidential schedule, signed by the Convener, with reference to this minute.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

35. Learning Estate Projects Update

The Committee in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

A number of learning estate capital projects were being delivered across Edinburgh. In order to reduce delays in progress, delegated authority was sought for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee for the appointment of contractors for construction contracts.

Decision

- 1) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee, to award a contract to Morrison Construction Ltd for delivery of the new Maybury Primary School.
- 2) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee, to award a contract to Keir Construction Ltd for delivery of the replacement Currie High School.
- 3) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee, to award a contract to the winning tenderer to allow the construction of the Early Stage Campus at Kirkliston.
- 4) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Committee, to award a contract to the winning tenderer to allow the renovation of Deanbank House.
- 5) To note the update on the design progress with the other Local Development Plan (LDP) primary school projects and secondary school replacement projects and that further reports would be submitted to Committee for consideration before the main construction contracts were awarded.

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

36. Investment - Temporary Accommodation Property

The Committee in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

The Council's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan included actions to identify gap sites for the Council to construct small scale developments of purpose built temporary accommodation to reduce the use of bed and breakfast and shared house accommodation. A proposal for a development at the former Portlee Day Centre, Lochend was presented for approval.

Decision

- 1) To approve the business case for the delivery of homes for temporary accommodation.
- 2) To agree to the modular build approach to building homes.
- 3) To refer the report to the next meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council for approval of the Prudential Borrowing of up to £5.986 million.

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