

MINUTE
of
CABINET

Minute of Meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 12 October 2017.

Present:

Councillor Paul O’Kane (Deputy Leader)
Councillor Caroline Bamforth
Councillor Danny Devlin

Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Colm Merrick

Councillor O’Kane, Deputy Leader in the Chair

Attending:

Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Andy Corry, Head of Environment (Operations); Stuart Free, Principal Officer (Asset Management); Suzanne Conlin, Tenancy Services and Service Improvement Manager; Barry Scott, Senior Engineer (Structures); Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; and Paul O’Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apology:

Councillor Tony Buchanan (Leader).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

176. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

177. The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Financial Officer, monitoring the expenditure as at 6 September 2017 against the approved the Capital Programme 2017/18 and recommending adjustments where necessary in light of issues that had arisen since the programme had been approved.

The report highlighted the latest developments relating to the programme, including the latest income and expenditure movements and cash flow management issues and indicated that the projected shortfall of £279,000 representing 0.8% of the resources available was within manageable limits.

The Cabinet agreed to:-

- (a) **recommend to the Council** that the movements within the General Fund Capital Programme 2017/18 be approved; and
- (b) note that the shortfall of £279,000 would be managed and reported on a regular basis.

HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18

178. The Cabinet considered a joint report by the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Environment, monitoring expenditure as at 6 September 2017 against the approved Housing Capital Programme 2017/18 and recommending adjustments where necessary in light of the issues that had arisen since the programme had been approved.

The report highlighted the latest developments relating to the programme, including the latest income and expenditure movements and cash flow management issues and indicated that the projected shortfall of £64,000 representing 0.8% of the resources available was within manageable limits.

The Cabinet agreed to:-

- (a) **recommend to the Council** that the movements within the Housing Capital Programme 2017/18 be approved; and
- (b) note that the shortfall of £64,000 would be managed and reported on a regular basis.

CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS – GLEN STREET BRIDGE, BARRHEAD REPLACEMENT

179. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, advising of a variation to the contract for the replacement of the Glen Street Bridge in Barrhead in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and seeking approval for further expenditure in the amount of £29,000.

Whilst noting that the contract for the replacement structure had been awarded to Diack and MacAulay for the sum of £319,111 and that work had commenced on site on 6 March 2017 to replace the structure and to date was substantially complete, the report explained that the replacement of the existing structure with a concrete pre-cast structure had removed the weight restriction and had also resulted in the future life of 120 years for the new bridge.

The report also highlighted that at the meeting of the Council on 28 June 2017 an increase to the project cost for the scheme to £393,000 had been approved within the General Fund Capital Programme for 2017/18 as it was anticipated that overall additional resources would be required for the project. However, it was noted that following commencement of work on site a number of unforeseen circumstances had arisen which resulted in additional work and associated costs being incurred these being approved under delegated powers in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts. Details of the additional works and costs were outlined in the report.

The report sought approval to proceed with the duct protection and fencing/landscaping works as outlined in the report at a cost of £21,500 and £7,500 respectively, it being noted that these works were considered as essential to complete the project satisfactorily with the proposed projected outturn of the contract being £394,111, and that as these took the cost of the additional works over £50,000 Cabinet approval was required.

The Cabinet, having heard the Senior Engineer (Structures) in response to Councillor Bamforth provide clarification on the reasons why the additional works were required and having heard the Head of Environment (Operations) indicate that a review of the costs associated with the works would be undertaken to determine whether it would be possible for the Council to recover any of the costs, agreed to:-

- (a) note the circumstances which had arisen that had led to a variation to the original contract sum;
- (b) note that £46,000 of additional expenditure had been approved under delegated authority to date; and
- (c) approve additional expenditure of £29,000 to provide additional cover to Scottish Power's ducted cable to maintain public safety and additional landscaping works as detailed in the report.

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AT CARLIBAR ROAD, BARRHEAD

180. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for the acquisition of land at Carlibar Road, Barrhead to accommodate the proposed extension of the existing park and ride car park serving Barrhead Railway Station. A plan showing the area of land required for the extension of the car park was appended to the report.

Whilst noting that the Council had secured Strathclyde Passenger Transport funding to extend the existing park and ride car park at Carlibar Road, Barrhead, the objective being to alleviate parking problems in the vicinity, the report explained that the land was owned by Arthurlie Junior Football Club and was the site of a former training area which the club had no requirement for and was prepared to sell to the Council. Following negotiations with the club, it was proposed that the Council acquire the land for the planned car park extension, subject to the provisional terms and conditions, details of which were outlined in the report.

Having heard Councillors Devlin and O'Kane welcome the proposal, the Cabinet:-

- (a) approved the proposed purchase of the land from Arthurlie Junior Football Club; and
- (b) agreed that delegated powers be granted to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement, to finalise negotiations and conclude the acquisition.

SHELTERED HOUSING SERVICE INSPECTION

181. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, advising of the outcome of the recent unannounced inspection by the Care Inspectorate of the Housing Support Services provided to the Council's sheltered housing tenants. A copy of the report prepared by the Care Inspectorate was appended to the report.

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The Cabinet noted the very positive outcome of the recent inspection and the steps that would be taken to further improve the services offered to sheltered housing tenants.

CHAIR