

MINUTE
of
CABINET

Minute of Meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 5 June 2014.

Present:

Councillor Jim Fletcher (Leader)
Councillor Danny Devlin
Councillor Elaine Green
Councillor Alan Lafferty

Councillor Ian McAlpine
Councillor Mary Montague
Councillor Vincent Waters

Councillor Fletcher, Leader, in the Chair

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Andy Corry, Head of Environment (Environmental Services and Roads); Iain MacLean Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration); Stuart Free, Principal Officer (Asset Management); and Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

Apology:

Councillor Tony Buchanan (Deputy Leader).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1088A. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

PROPOSED DISTRICT GAS GOVERNOR SITE – CROOKFUR ROAD, NEWTON MEARNS

1088B. The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for the proposed sale of Council land at the corner of Crookfur Road and Stewarton Road, Newton Mearns to Scottish Gas Networks Plc. A copy of a plan showing the area of ground to be sold was appended to the report.

The report explained that Scottish Gas Networks Plc, who maintain the gas distribution network, had approached the Council seeking to purchase a small area of Council owned amenity ground extending to approximately 36sqm adjacent to Crookfur roundabout as the site for a proposed new district gas governor. The proposed sale would enable the company to meet its statutory gas distribution obligations at a location which should avoid any significant disruption or compromise the Council's wider ownership interest within the area.

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The report proposed that the land and associated servitude rights of access be sold to Scottish Gas Networks Plc for the sum of £1,000 with the detailed terms and conditions being agreed between the Council and the company.

The Cabinet:-

- (a) approved the sale of Council owned land at the corner of Crookfur Road/Stewarton Road, Newton Mearns to Scottish Gas Networks Plc for the sum of £1,000; and
- (b) agreed that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal & Procurement, to make the necessary arrangements.

REPORTING OF VARIATION TO CONTRACT – ROUKEN GLEN PARK EXHIBITION AND SIGNAGE PROJECT

1088C.The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval of a variation to the contract to provide interpretive design services and art work for the Rouken Glen Park Pavilion exhibition and park signage as part of the Council and Heritage Lottery Fund park improvement project, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8.3 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

The report explained that following a tendering exercise to procure suitable consultants, Bright3d had been contracted to deliver the initial interpretation plan and design services at a cost of £21,690. It was noted that it was intended that the project would then be delivered in stages by the Council. However, it became evident that this would be a complex project involving a multitude of specialist inputs and that particular skills were required to effectively and efficiently project manage the delivery of the various elements. Details of the delivery of the features of the exhibition were outlined in the report it being noted that the estimated project cost was currently around £170,000, excluding fees.

The report indicated that Bright3d had offered to manage the project through to completion, including advising on suitable contractors, assisting with the tender evaluation and project management on site, for an additional fee of 10% of final project costs, up to a maximum of £20,000.

The Cabinet approved a variation to the original contract with Bright 3d up to a maximum additional cost of £20,000 in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8.3 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

ANNUAL SERVICING AT EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

1088D.The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for an exemption from tendering procedures to allow a one year extension of the existing annual servicing and maintenance contract with Forth Electrical Services at Eastwood High School.

The report explained that Eastwood High School was handed over to the Council with a one year servicing and maintenance contract expiring in June 2014. However, the complexity of servicing required a comprehensive list of actions and procedures and as a result it would take a further year for the Council's Property and Technical services to work with Forth

Electrical Services and produce a work schedule which would enable future servicing and maintenance works to be put out to competitive tender.

The Cabinet approved an exemption from tendering procedures in accordance with the provisions of clause 6(iv) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts to allow a one year extension of the existing annual servicing and maintenance contract with Forth Electrical Services at Eastwood High School.

CHAIR

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