

**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK PANEL
THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY 2014**

Present: Councillors Cooke (Chair), Egan, Scott and Williams

Apologies Councillor Stewart

Also Present: Kerri Farnsworth, Director of Property and Regeneration, APPCT
Bob Kidby, Advisory Non-Voting Member of the APPB
Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive, APPCT

Helen Chapman, Clerk, LBH
Bhikhu Samat, Legal Services, LBH

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
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APSC12.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stewart.</p>
APSC13.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p>
APSC14.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
APSC15.	<p>PROCUREMENT OF REAL ESTATE LEGAL ADVISORS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ALEXANDRA PALACE</p> <p>Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive, Alexandra Palace Charitable Trust advised that the reason for the urgency in convening the meeting was in order to reach the position such that market testing could be undertaken by the deadline of summer 2014.</p> <p>Duncan Wilson introduced the report, which recommended that the waiver of Contract Standing Order 9.01 be approved, as allowed under CSO 10.01.1(a) on the basis that the specialist services required for this commission can only be provided by a limited number of providers, and the approval of the intent to award the contract to Pinsent Masons LLP. Following assessment of the tender submissions received and an interview process, it was felt that Pinsent Masons represented the best value for money, and demonstrated a strong understanding of the brief. Bob Kidby was invited to address the Panel on his views, having been involved in the assessment and interview process for the tender submissions.</p> <p>Bob Kidby advised the Panel that, having taken part in the short-listing and interview process, any of the firms short-listed would have been able to fulfil the brief adequately and that all of their presentations had been of a good standard. Pinsent Masons were felt overall to have stood out in terms of their enthusiasm, and likelihood to suit the overall project approach. Given the strict budget for the work, it was felt that Pinsent</p>

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	<p>Masons offered exceptional value, and Mr Kidby advised that he had no concerns in endorsing the recommendation of the report.</p> <p>In response to a question from the Panel, it was felt that there was an element of kudos attached to involvement with this particular project, and this was likely to have been the reason that the law firms had made submissions as part of the tender process.</p> <p>With regard to the need for the decision to be made at this point, Duncan Wilson emphasised that this decision in no way predetermined the outcome of any subsequent decisions around appointing development partners, but would enable professional legal advice to be in place such that that decision could be taken by the Board on a sound legal basis at its meeting in 2014.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Panel approved the waiver of Contract Standing Order 9.01 as allowed under CSO 10.01.1(a) on the basis that the specialist services required for this commission can only be provided by a limited number of providers. ii) The Panel approved the award of the contract to Pinsent Masons LLP. <p>The Panel agreed that, in approving the recommendation as set out in the report, the decision could be implemented as soon as possible, prior to the formal approval of the minutes.</p>	
<p>APSC16.</p>	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded for the consideration of agenda item 6, as it contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; paragraph 3, information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).</p>	
<p>APSC17.</p>	<p>PROCUREMENT OF REAL ESTATE LEGAL ADVISORS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ALEXANDRA PALACE</p> <p>The Committee considered exempt information pertaining to agenda item 4.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 18:45hrs.</p>	

COUNCILLOR MATT COOKE
Chair