MINUTES OF THE CABINET PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 2009

Councillors *Adje (Chair), *Bevan, *Kober and *Reith

*Present

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
PROC96.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)	
	Councillor Reith – Item 7 - North Tottenham Decent Homes Programme 2009/10 Phase NT 10	HLDMS
PROC97.	MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2009 be approved and signed.	HLDMS
PROC98.	UPDATE ON PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO BSF PROGRAMME (Report of the Director of Children and Young People's Service - Agenda Item 6)	
	It was reported that in accordance with our decision of 30 September 2008 officers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People had authorised approval of the continued engagement of the Tribal Group for period 1 January to 31 March 2009. This approval was in accordance with Contract Standing Order 7.02 and because the Tribal Group were on the OGCBS framework was in compliance with EU legislation.	
	We noted the progress made in moving from consultancy based staff to permanent posts with 27 out of 36 posts now held by permanent Haringey staff and that there were plans to reduce further the number of consultants through the appointment of the Council's employees.	
	We also noted that there was a need to secure additional services to continue to take forward the BSF programme and other work streams. In accordance with the agreed procurement strategy and, as allowed under the OGCBs Framework, discussions about these requirements were in hand with Tribal to ensure adequate resources were available to support the ongoing programme streams and that costs were acceptable to the Council. A further report would be made to our Committee following completion of these negotiations	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the report be noted.	
PROC99.	NORTH TOTTENHAM DECENT HOMES PROGRAMME 2009/10 PHASE NT 10 (Report of the Director of Urban Environment - Agenda Item 7)	
	Councillor Reith declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of	

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being an RTB leaseholder.

The Appendix to the interleaved report was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person.

We noted that there were 37 leaseholders living in the properties affected by the works described in this report and that the requisite notice had been issued and had expired on 28 February 2009. The notice had given a description of the proposed works and provided details for the costs of the works. Only one response had been received and a reply sent in answer to the issues raised.

While it was accepted that under the terms of their leases the lessees were required to make a contribution towards the cost of maintaining in good condition the main structure, the common parts and common services of the building, concern was expressed about the size of some of the contributions which were to be recovered in respect of these particular works. Disquiet was also voiced that while the invoices for these works would be included with the annual Certificate of Actual Service Charge and would be payable interest free over a period of up to one year, the current interest rate charged for longer periods interest of 7.46% seemed high.

We were informed that Homes for Haringey had a dedicated team in place to manage resident consultation and we asked that through this team consideration be given to providing advice sessions for leaseholders and to advise them of the 'fast track' procedure which could be implemented for referrals to the Citizens Advice Bureau. We also asked that officers provide us with a copy of the information pack which was sent to leaseholders.

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In relation to programme delivery we asked further that in consultation with the constructor partners' Resident Liaison Officers, Homes for Haringey ensure that notification of the working arrangements including the start date was given to the appropriate staff as well as to residents.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That, in accordance with Contract Standing Order 11.03, DUE approval be granted to the award of the contract for a detailed programme of works to various properties in the North Tottenham area known as Phase NT10 to Lovell Partnerships.
- 2. That the Agreed Maximum Price excluding fees for the Project together with the Compliance Team fees as set out in the exempt Appendix A to the interleaved report be noted.

CHARLES ADJE Chair