

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER SIGNING TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2006

Councillors Antonia Mallett (Chair of Executive Procurement Committee)

IEXM1. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2005 be approved.

IEXM2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Details of the contracts, which were set out in the Appendices to the report, were the subject of a Motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contained exempt information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

IEXM3. ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME - REQUEST FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACT (REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES) - AGENDA ITEM 5

At the Procurement Committee of 18 July, Members approved a report which recommended the waiver of Contract Standing Order 6.04 (Requirement to Tender) in respect of Energy Efficiency Measures Contract.

During the course of the discussion officers advised that part of the Contract [in private sector housing] was funded directly from the Department for Communities and Local Government and that a bid for £340,000 had been made to undertake measures to private sector properties in the financial year 2006/07 (in addition there is provision of £240,000). Officers also advised that in order to ensure that this money was spent in the current financial year a further decision to award the contract needed to be made as soon as possible and before the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 5 September.

The decision is 'key' in that it will affect 2 or more Wards in the Borough and so it therefore appears in the latest version of the Forward Plan and subject to access to information and call in.

Paragraph 1.02(a) of Part H2 of the Constitution provides that where a committee of the Executive (in this case the Procurement Committee) is responsible for an Executive function, they may delegate it further to a Joint Committee or a Director.

The Committee were anxious to progress this matter and in an attempt to meet all these interests it asked that a further report be produced by the Director of Social Services proposing the award of the contract for signing by the Chair of the Procurement Committee. The signing was scheduled for 15 August and included as an entry in the version of the Forward Plan published on 1 August (and effective from 15 August onwards). The Director of Social Services would award the contract.

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This report was now before the Chair of the Procurement Committee (Executive Member for Finance). We noted the information contained in the exempt part of this item which set out the selection criteria and process and that the choice of supplier would enable the Council to access further match funding from the Government; which would be available to both public and private sector works. We agreed that the benefits were two fold; ie in respect of energy efficiency and eradicating fuel poverty.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Director approve the award of Contract, as allowed under CSO 11, ie that it is in the Council's overall interests, as set out in this report.
- 2) That the Director approve that the market testing exercise utilised, referred to in Part B of this report, is acceptable in lieu of a formal tender process.
- 3) That the Director note the intention to spend £240,000 from the Housing Services Capital Budget to address public sector housing measures under this contract in the 2006/7 financial year and £300,000 in 2007/08
- 4) That the Head of Procurement recommendations, as set out in paragraph 17.3 be noted in that, post award of the contract a study be undertaken to consider the future needs for Homes for Haringey, once this contract has expired, and to investigate new and innovative approaches to the market in the future.
- 5) That the Director note the intention to spend a minimum £340,00 provided from the Environmental Services budget to undertake measures to Private Sector properties within each of the financial years 2006/7 and 2007/8, and that as the opportunity of additional grants funding becomes available, it may increase to £700,000 in each of the financial years.
- 6) That the Director notes the minimal contract value will be £1,220,000 and that it will range to a maximum value of £1,940,000 over the two year contract period.

**Antonia Mallet
Chair**