

CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
26th January, 2015

Present:- Councillor Hussain (in the Chair); Councillors McNeely and Swift.

G39. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2014

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Environment held on 22nd December, 2014 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

G40. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Finance Manager and the Principal Finance Officer on the performance against budget for the Environment and Development Services Directorate Revenue Accounts as at 31st December, 2014 and providing a forecast outturn for the whole of the 2014/15 financial year. Members noted the forecast outturn position of an under-spend of £455,000 for the Environment and Development Services Directorate, based on expenditure and income as at 31st December, 2014.

During discussion of this item, Members raised the following salient items:-

: the restructuring within the Council will eventually mean changes to the contents of the budget monitoring reports;

: budget pressures for Streetpride, especially affecting Winter maintenance expenditure (Members acknowledged the good support from Grounds Maintenance employees (especially in the Rawmarsh area) who were assisting with Winter maintenance duties during the current inclement weather conditions);

: the control of costs in respect of the use of temporary employees hired from Agencies;

: the control of costs of non-contractual overtime.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the latest financial projection against budget for 2014/15, based on actual income and expenditure to 31st December, 2014, as outlined in the submitted report, be noted.

(3) That the submitted report be referred to the Self Regulation Select Commission for information.

G41. HUMAN RESOURCES ISSUES - UPDATE

The Director of Human Resources reported on a number of issues including:-

: issues to be discussed at the meeting of the RMBC/Trades Unions Joint Consultative Committee to be held on Friday, 30th January 2015;

: implementation of the national pay award for local government employees with effect from 1st January 2015;

: payment of the Living Wage to some 1,900 employees of this Authority;

: the imminent publication of the corporate governance inspection report about the Authority;

: recruitment processes for the Authority's most senior management positions;

: the recent Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) requirement for employees within Children's Services to undertake self-disclosure of any relevant convictions of household members.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

G42. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended (information relating to the financial/business affairs of any person (including the Council) and is commercially confidential).

G43. CONTRACT FOR OPERATED, NON-OPERATED PLANT AND TOOL HIRE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Procurement Category Manager, concerning the evaluation of tenders for the four years' framework agreement for the supply of operated and non-operated vehicle plant and tool hire for the Authority. Details of the evaluation process were included within the report.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the tenders submitted by the thirteen companies now listed within the report, for the four years' framework agreement for the supply of operated and non-operated vehicle plant and tool hire for the Authority be accepted, on the terms detailed in the report now submitted.

(3) That the framework agreement shall begin on 1st February 2015, for an initial period of two years, with an option to extend the framework agreement annually for a period up to a maximum of four years ending on 31st January 2019, subject to annual monitoring and satisfactory performance.

(4) That the Council's forecast annual spending on this framework agreement, amounting to approximately £1,025.000 per year, based on current spending profiles, be noted and further reports be submitted to Elected Members in respect of any specific budget pressures identified during the period of this framework agreement.