

# **Minutes of a meeting of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 11 August 2020 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford**

Commenced 5.30 pm  
Concluded 6.15 pm

## **Present – Councillors**

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN
Dodds Berry Mohammed Kamran Hussain Lintern Mukhtar	Heseltine Herd	R Ahmed	Love

## NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Nicola Hoggart  
Julia Pearson

Environment Agency  
Bradford Environmental Forum

## **Councillor Kamran Hussain in the Chair**

### **1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interests

### **2. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

### **3. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no referrals to the Committee.

#### 4. ENERGY CONTRACTS PROCUREMENT

The report of the Assistant Director, Estates and Property (**Document “D”**) gave an explanation of the compliant method of procurement that City of Bradford MDC used to buy energy contracts and a request from the committee that they were content that this method of procurement offered best value to the Council.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Energy Projects Manager gave a synopsis of the report.

Following presentation of the report, the following question and answer session ensued -

- What were the anticipated costs to be incurred that would be set out in the financial resources appraisal support?
  - First it would be for the authority to carry out its own energy procurement through accessing market for a European luxury combined process. This would take some time. Then followed by a contract risk assessment, somewhere in the region of two months' work.
  - In addition, factors such as scrutiny and scoring with potential barriers to legal challenges to the contractual arrangements that the authority would have to play a part in which would require a significant resource of officers' time. Now those elements would also be eliminated if we if we use a similar framework it's available say through chrome commercial services, or one of the other profile organisations and government organisations. However, because we're a founding member of YPO there are financial benefits to basic is large contractual settings right here;
- Did the 5 West Yorkshire authorities participate in this purchase?
  - We take it the right care will take any public sector organisation so it's not just local authorities, there were some health service trusts and police services. Ambulance alike as well, a significant number. It was an extremely logical folio that YPO was managing. The 5 West Yorkshire authorities were all energy contracted;
- What governance arrangements had been put in place to oversee the transparency?
  - It involves a democratic process with elected Councillors serving as board members; and,
- Why was gas and electricity not in line with to date?
  - This involved procurement for YPO, which would take around two years to run the procurement exercise, and then award the contracts before putting everything into place. So, it would double the amount of work. However, those providers had split it in two, in two years, hence able to focus entirely on one utility element.

**Resolved –**

**This Committee requests that the comments and views raised by members be considered by officers as part of the procurement exercise.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director, Estates and Property***

**5. USE OF THE CROWN COMMERCIAL SERVICES (CCS) FRAMEWORK: CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES PROCUREMENT FOR THE TRANSFORMING CITIES PROGRAMME**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “E”**) advised Members of the Council’s intention to use the Crown Commercial Services’ Construction Works and Associated Services Framework for a procurement in excess of £2m to provide technical support, scheme development and delivery of the Transforming Cities Programme (TCF) in accordance with the requirements of Contract Standing Order 4.7.4.

The Highways Services Manager attended the meeting and with the invitation of the Chair, introduced the report to the committee.

Following a synopsis of the report, committee sought clarification on the business case for the proposal. In response, officers were moving into outlining the business case as the next step. This process allowed a period where officers could look into finalising the designs. The business case would be presented to the committee on completion at a future date. Furthermore, in order to bring the construction programme in and have enough time to construct to meet the deadline, officers would have to be at the end of the outline business case and a full business case by March in the following year.

A Councillor of Bradford South Constituency was in attendance and wished to express preferred sentiments on the subject item. With the invitation of the Chair, he proceeded with his statement. Many community representatives had been pushing for such a development programme for many years. It was paramount that the Council had to progress and there was a strong sense of a business case for this purpose. A report had been presented to the Investment Committee at the Combined Authority this morning which substantiated the economic benefit of the Transforming Cities Programme.

The Highways Services Manager confirmed that the committee would be kept updated with all developments and a further report would be presented to the committee giving details on the direction the service would be taking towards progression.

**Resolved –**

**This Committee requests that the comments and views raised by members be considered by officers as part of the procurement exercise.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Place***

Chair

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