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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday, 14th July 2008 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor E. Watts – Chair

Councillors J.E. Bennett, K. Bowman, A.J. Hodkin, D. Kelly, D. McGregor, B.R. Murray-Carr, A.M. Syrett and A.F. Tomlinson.

Officers:-

W. Lumley (Chief Executive Officer), J. Brooks (Director of Resources), S. Tomlinson (Director of Strategy), J. Fieldsend (Senior Principal Solicitor), P. Campbell (Head of Housing), J. Ritchie (Head of Community Services) and A. Bluff (Democratic Services Officer).

182. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

183. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

184. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

185. MINUTES – 16TH JUNE 2008

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 16th June 2008, be approved as a true and correct record.

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186. CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair consented to a change in the order of business. Agenda Item 5 – Untidy Land and Building Policy, agenda item 6 – Succession Policy and agenda item 7 would be heard after agenda item 9 – Working Neighbourhoods Fund – Family Employment Initiative.

187. BUDGET STRATEGY 2009/10 TO 2011/12

The Director of Resources presented the draft Budget Strategy which covered the period 2009/10 to 2011/12. The strategy detailed the process to be adopted for compiling the Council's budgets during 2009/10 to 2011/12 and highlighted key issues for consideration when adopting the budget and determining future Council Tax levels.

Moved by Councillor E. Watts, seconded by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson.

RESOLVED that the Council's Budget Strategy for 2009/10 to 2011/12 be considered and forwarded through the Budget and Policy Framework for consideration by Scrutiny and approval by Council.

Reason for Decision: To inform Members of the proposed three year budget strategy.

(Director of Resources)

188. WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND (WNF) – FAMILY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE (FEI)

The Director of Resources presented the report which advised Members that at its meeting on the 23rd June 2008, the Core Worklessness Group had agreed that an allocation of the WNF be set aside for the Family Employment Initiative (FEI).

The agreed WNF Commissioning Framework utilised to allocate funds included a tendering / procurement process and therefore would require suspension of the Authority's Contracts Standing Orders to allow the initiative to continue.

To adhere to the WNF tendering / procurement requirements would be time consuming and would seriously delay and jeopardise the best practice that has been developed and partner commitment to date.

Moved by Councillor E. Watts, seconded by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson.

RESOLVED that 1) the report be received,

2) the Executive suspends Contract Standing Orders 4.8.3 for the reasons given in the report,

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3) it be noted that the Chairman of the Council had agreed that the call-in procedure as set out in 4.5.16 of the Council's Constitution shall not apply,

4) It be noted that the Executive consider that the above decision is an urgent one.

Reason for Decision: To agree the suspension of Contracts Standing Orders in accordance with the Council's Constitution and to take account of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund Commissioning Framework process.

(Director of Resources / Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager)

189. RECOMMENDED ITEM FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 29TH APRIL 2008 MINUTE NO. 129 - UNTIDY LAND AND BUILDING POLICY

The Head of Community Services presented the Untidy Land and Building Policy which had been developed via the Patch Management process.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding issues around timescales to resolve individual cases and procedures.

Moved by Councillor B. R. Murray-Carr, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the Untidy Land and Building Policy be approved.

Reason for Decision: In order to approve the Untidy Land and Building Policy.

(Head of Community Services/Head of Democratic Services)

The Creswell THI Project Officer, the Principal Building Surveyor and the Head of Shared Procurement entered the meeting at this point.

190. RECOMMENDED ITEM FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 24TH JUNE 2008 MINUTE NO. 131 - SUCCESSION POLICY

The Head of Housing presented the draft Succession Policy which had been developed via the Patch Management process.

Members agreed that the wording "at time of death" be added to the end of paragraph b in Part B – Other Circumstances.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding issues around the HARP Panel.

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Moved by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor K. Bowman
RESOLVED that the Succession Policy be approved.

Reason for Decision: In order to approve the Succession Policy.

(Head of Housing/Head of Democratic Services)

191. VERBAL UPDATE ON RENT ARREARS

The Head of Housing circulated information to the meeting on area based targets in respect of housing rent arrears. It was noted that the housing rent arrears figures were decreasing.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor K. Bowman.
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason for Decision: To keep Members updated on the present position of housing rent arrears.

(Head of Housing)

192. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor E. Watts
RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.

193. CONTINUATION OF PROCUREMENT OF SPECIALIST CONSULTANTS TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND THE LSP FOR BOLSOVER EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Director of Strategy presented the report.

Members' approval was sought for the continuation of specialist consultants, Phoenix Regeneration, to support the Authority and the Local Strategic Partnership and also for the suspension of the Authority's Contract Standing Orders 4.8.3 for the reasons given in the report.

Moved by Councillor E. Watts, seconded by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson
RESOLVED that 1) that the report be received,

2) the Executive suspends Contract Standing Orders 4.8.3 for the reasons given in the report,

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3) Phoenix Regeneration continue to support the Local Authority and the Local Strategic Partnership in the management of external funding,

4) the Chief Executive's and Partnership Manager be authorised to negotiate a new contract for the period 2008-2011.

Reason for Decision: Executive decision required to ensure continuation of current specialist consultancy support to the Local Authority and Local Strategic Partnership.

(Chief Executive's & Partnership Manager)

194. TENDER OPENING – uPVC DOORS EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

Seven tenders for the above contract had been received before the deadline.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson
RESOLVED that 1) the Executive witness the opening of the tenders,

2) the tenders be passed to the Evaluation Team for final evaluation,

3) a report for Members' information providing details of the tenders and evaluation process be submitted.

Reason for Decision: In order to secure the lowest tender and best value for money in accordance with Standing Order Contracts.

The date of final evaluation of the tenders would be 18th July 2008 at 1000 hours.

(Head of Shared Procurement)

195. TENDER OPENING – REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF CRESWELL MODEL VILLAGE VILLAS EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

Three tenders for the above contract had been received before the deadline.

Moved by Councillor E. Watts, seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson
RESOLVED that 1) the Executive witness the opening of the tenders,

2) the tenders be passed to the Evaluation Team for final evaluation,

3) a report for Members' information providing details of the tenders

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and evaluation process be submitted.

Reason for Decision: In order to secure the lowest tender and best value for money in accordance with Standing Order Contracts.

The date of final evaluation of the tenders would be 21st July 2008 at 1000 hours.

(Head of Planning)

The meeting concluded at 1145 hours.