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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of Bolsover District Council held in Committee Room One, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday 2nd July 2012 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Councillor A.F. Tomlinson – In the Chair

Members:-

Councillors K. Bowman, D. Kelly, D. McGregor, B.R. Murray-Carr and A.M. Syrett.

Officers:-

W. Lumley (Chief Executive Officer), P. Hackett (Director of Health and Well Being), S. Tomlinson (Director of Neighbourhoods), S.E.A. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council), G. Bagnall (Assistant Director of Resources), P. Campbell (Head of Housing) (from minute no. 202), N. Blaney (ICT Manager), S. Chambers (Communications Officer), L. Cheong (Equality Improvement Officer) (to minute no. 199), L. Khella (Consultant Programme Manager) (to minute no. 200) and R. Leadbeater (Democratic Services Officer).

R. Hall – Work Experience (Observing)

193. APOLOGY

An apology was received from Councillor E. Watts.

194. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

195. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Solicitor to the Council advised Members of new arrangements for Members' Declaration of Interests, which had been introduced from 1st July 2012 as part of the Localism Act 2011. The Schedule of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests was tabled for Members' information which detailed the new categories and prescribed descriptions. Members were advised that a Disclosable Pecuniary

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Interest should be disclosed in agenda items before the meeting relating to the subject matter of the interest and that advice was that the member should withdraw. By law, Disclosable Pecuniary Interests are those interests of a Member or a Members' spouse. Failure to disclose as appropriate would constitute a criminal offence. Further briefing and training on the new regimes would be provided in due course.

Members requested guidance in respect of the matters for consideration on the agenda to which the Solicitor to the Council responded.

Minute No.	Member
200	K. Bowman
200	D. Kelly

Whilst the Solicitor to the Council advised that no Disclosable Pecuniary Interest existed in these cases, Councillors Bowman and Kelly declared an interest in minute no. 200 to ensure transparency.

196. MINUTES – 28TH MAY 2012

Councillor Murray-Carr requested that an update be provided in respect of the District's CCTV provision.

The Equality Improvement Officer, Consultant Programme Manager and R. Hall left the meeting.

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

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involves 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.

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Minute No. 43 - Tender Evaluation Outcome – CCTV Monitoring, System Upgrade And Maintenance Contract Exempt – Paragraph 3

A discussion took place in respect of future arrangements for CCTV provision across the district.

A further report would be provided to Executive in respect of the revised tender process in due course.

196 (Cont'd). MINUTES – 28TH MAY 2012

Moved by Councillor D. Kelly seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 28th May 2012 be agreed as a true record.

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the meeting return to open items of business.

OPEN ITEMS

The Equality Improvement Officer, Consultant Programme Manager and R. Hall re-joined the meeting.

198. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME 2011-2015

The Portfolio Holder for Social Inclusion presented the report to request Executive approval of the review of the Single Equality Scheme. The annual review evidenced the progress made in 2011-12 in respect of objectives set up in consultation with local interest groups and in line with the aims of the Council's Corporate Plan. The action plan for the next 3 years to 2015 was appended to the report for Members' consideration.

The Equality Improvement Officer advised that the action plan was currently on target and that progress had been reported to the Council's Improvement Group and included on the Performance Management System. Changes to the legislation brought about by the introduction of the Single Equality Scheme had been reviewed to ensure continued compliance. An update on each of the improvement targets was provided by the Equality Improvement Officer. Members were advised that a further event with local interest groups was

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proposed to be held in October 2012 to review the objectives and consider satisfaction levels with the delivery of the action plan to date.

Members raised questions in respect of the monitoring of the diversity of the consultation groups to which the Equality Improvement Officer responded. Monitoring information gathered in respect of domestic violence and hate crime had enabled targeted work to be carried out by relevant services.

It was noted that some revisions to lead officer information contained in the action plan were required. These would be amended prior to publication of the document.

Moved by Councillor A. M. Syrett, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly

RESOLVED that the Annual Review of the Single Equality Scheme 2011-2015 be approved in compliance with the Council's statutory responsibilities prior to information being made available to the public.

REASON FOR DECISION: **In order to ensure that the review of the Single Equality Scheme 2011-2015 is properly considered.**

(Equality Improvement Officer)

The Equality Improvement Officer left the meeting.

199. WORK FOR YOURSELF PROGRAMME

The Consultant Programme Manager presented the report to seek retrospective approval of the signing of the funding agreement with the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

In 2009, Bolsover District Council had commissioned a project using Working Neighbourhoods Funding for a business start up programme exclusively for people with disabilities. An external review had highlighted that this project had delivered significant positive impact across Bolsover and Chesterfield, who had also commissioned the programme, and it had been agreed to explore funding options for its continuation.

European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) had since been secured by the Chief Executive's and Partnership Team to continue the scheme and a contractor to deliver the programme had been selected as a result of a tender exercise.

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Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that retrospective endorsement be given to the Chief Executive Officer signing the Funding Agreement with the Department of Communities and Local Government for the receipt of European Regional Development Funding monies for the Work for Yourself Programme.

(Chief Executive Officer)

The Consultant Programme Manager left the meeting.

200. DATA CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) FOR BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Efficiencies presented the report to seek agreement that Bolsover District Council sign up to the Data Co-operation Agreement which formed part of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement. This was a centrally funded initiative which would entitle the Authority to use Ordnance Survey mapping at nil cost. The costs of not signing up to the agreement were estimated at £50,000 to £60,000 per annum.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson
RESOLVED that (1) the agreement is made for the Data Co-operation Agreement to be signed for Bolsover District Council.

(2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Data Co-operation Agreement.

(ICT Manager/Chief Executive Officer)

201. FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2011/12

The Assistant Director of Resources presented the report to advise Members of the provisional financial outturn position in respect of 2011/12. Members were advised that the final accounts had been completed and submitted to the external auditors and were therefore subject to change.

Attention was drawn to the Financial Asset Impairment Reversal stated in the General Fund section of the report. Members were advised that this amount of £211,047 related to the Icelandic investments in which there was a much greater confidence that all monies would be recouped. The General Fund outturn position showed an increase in balances to a position of £1.389m, however significant savings were still required to achieve the targets for 2012/13.

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Members were advised that the Housing Revenue Account outturn position was better than forecast, however concerns were raised over the future impact on the budget of the new Welfare Reforms and Right to Buys. Details of Capital Expenditure and Capital Financing were detailed in the report.

The Deputy Leader stated that the external auditors had been complimentary of the substantial progress in Financial Services and extended thanks to the Managers and staff for their efforts which were much appreciated.

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor

RESOLVED that (1) the provisional financial outturn position in respect of 2011/12 as set out within this report be noted;

(2) a further detailed report concerning the financial outturn 2011/12 be brought back to the next meeting of Executive, together with an assessment of the impact of the draft outturn on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

(Assistant Director of Resources)

REASON FOR DECISION: For purpose of complying with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 which apply to local authorities and in order to ensure effective financial management, the Council is required to prepare its draft Statement of Accounts by the 30th June.

The Head of Housing joined the meeting at this point.

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

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor D. Kelly.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involves 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.

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203. DISPOSAL OF EXHIBITION VEHICLE EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Portfolio Holder for Social Inclusion presented the report to seek Executive approval to dispose of the original Extreme Wheels vehicle.

The Director of Health and Well Being added that a new vehicle had been sourced which was more versatile and cost effective to operate. The original vehicle was now surplus to the requirements of the service.

Moved by Councillor A. Syrett, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr
RESOLVED that the disposal of the original Extreme Wheels vehicle by sealed tender be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION: Disposal of an asset with a value in excess of £1,000 (in accordance with 4.7.17 (5) Council Assets of the Financial Regulations in the Council's Constitution.

(Assistant Director Leisure Services)

204. SUPPORTING PEOPLE UPDATE EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

Councillors Bowman and Kelly declared an interest in this item. Members were advised by the Solicitor to the Council that the nature of the interest would not be considered a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

Members were reminded that the contents of the report contained commercially sensitive information which should not be disclosed to third parties.

The report was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Housing Management to update Members on the progress of a number of issues in respect of services provided to vulnerable people, including those funded by Supporting People. Details in respect of the ongoing tendering process for the provision of equipment for Telecare and Telehealth, monitoring services and Peripatetic Warden Service were outlined in the report, including the financial model and consortium proposals.

A legal model of options for collaborative working between Bolsover District, South Derbyshire District Council and Chesterfield Borough Councils was included as an appendix to the report.

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Thanks were extended to the Head of Housing and Housing Team for the substantial work carried out.

It was agreed that recommendation 6 of the report be amended to include consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED that (1) the contents of this report be noted;

(2) the principles of the business model for the alarm monitoring service be agreed'

(3) the procurement of replacement monitoring equipment for Central Control following normal council processes and using framework agreements be agreed;

(4) Members agree, in principle, to enter into an administrative agreement with Chesterfield Borough and South Derbyshire District Council for the purpose of winning the contract and delivering a Call Monitoring Service;

(5) With regard to mobile warden services, the informal agreement made with other major providers be confirmed;

- a) Not to make predatory bids, and
- b) To Work with other major providers to get the best outcome for our customers.

(6) the Head of Housing, in consultation with the Director of Neighbourhoods, Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Resources, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Housing Management is able to submit tenders to Derbyshire Accommodation Support Team (DAST) for the provision of warden services within Bolsover

REASON FOR DECISION: **To increase the likelihood of the Council being successful in winning the contract to support vulnerable people and thus ensure suitable provision within the District.**

(Head of Housing)

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205. TENDER EVALUATION OUTCOME – ASBESTOS SURVEYING EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

This item was deferred to the next meeting to be held on 30th July 2012.

206. TENDER EVALUATION OUTCOME – VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) TELEPHONY SYSTEM FOR CLOWNE CAMPUS EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The ICT Manager presented the report to advise Members of the outcome of a tender evaluation exercise for a VOIP telephony system for Clowne Campus.

Three tenders were received before the deadline which were evaluated on a cost and quality basis. Members were advised that the annual revenue costs were in line with current expenditure.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr
RESOLVED that the contract be awarded to Siemens' on the basis of a 5 year contract.

REASON FOR DECISION: **To ensure that the Council achieves the
best value for money on a cost and quality
basis.**

(ICT Manager)

The meeting concluded at 1147 hours.