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Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Monday 26th March 2018 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillors S.W. Fritchley, B.R. Murray-Carr, M.J. Ritchie and B. Watson

Officers:-

D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer), K. Hanson (Strategic Director – Place), L. Hickin (Strategic Director – People), G. Galloway (Joint Head of Property and Commercial Services), D. Clarke (Joint Head of Finance and Resources), J. Fieldsend (Team Leader (Non-Contentious) – Solicitor) and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

0708. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

As the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive were not in attendance, the Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting and asked for nominations for a Chairman for the meeting.

Moved by Councillor B. Watson and seconded by Councillor M.J. Ritchie
RESOLVED that Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr be elected Chairman of the meeting.

Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr in the Chair

0709. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M.J. Dooley and A.M. Syrett.

0710. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration was received:

Agenda Item No.	Member	Type of Interest
4(A)	M.J. Ritchie	Non Significant Non Statutory

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0711. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Moved by Councillor M.J. Ritchie and seconded by Councillor S.W. Fritchley
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.

Having previously declared his interest in the following item of business, Councillor M.J. Ritchie took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

0712. KEY DECISION PARK LAND SALES AND OXCROFT DEPOT EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Joint Head of Property and Commercial Services submitted a report which updated the Executive on progress made by Dragonfly Development Ltd in delivery of Meadow Lane, Park Lane and Rood Lane developments. The report also sought approval to agree a reduced land value for Park Lane, Pinxton and for principal agreement to dispose of Oxcroft Depot to Dragonfly Development and add the site to the loan funding agreement.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor B. Watson
RESOLVED that (1) the Executive agree a reduction in the land value for Park Lane, Pinxton from £101,150 to £51,150 (subject to an independent external valuation). This is on the basis that the sales agreement allows that, should the profit on the Park Lane scheme exceed the forecast £24,124, the value of the reduction agreed in this report will be repaid to Bolsover District Council proportionally,

(2) the Executive agree that Dragonfly carry out a viability appraisal of the Oxcroft Lane Depot Site and bring back a further report outlining the options for the site.

REASON FOR DECISION: The recommendations in this report enable the delivery of good quality, family homes on Council owned land, whilst making a profit from the development in addition to land receipt.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The two main alternatives are that Executive chooses to decline to DDL proposal and retain the Park Lane site. Secondly, the sites could be disposed of through the open market. The option of retaining the sites is rejected because this would effectively prevent development and go against the Council's objective of promoting economic growth, in addition to foregoing a capital receipt. Disposing on the open market is unlikely to attract significant demand as the

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site is so marginal in viability terms, and certainly doesn't deliver a normal developer profit in the region of 17-20%.

(Joint Head of Property and Commercial Services)

**0713. NON KEY DECISION
IN HOUSE PROCUREMENT UNIT
EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3**

The Strategic Director – People presented the report which sought approval to agree to terminate early on the current procurement arrangement with the NHS Shared Procurement Unit and create an 'in house' Procurement Unit for Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor B. Watson

RESOLVED that (1) a formal request to leave the existing arrangement be made to Chesterfield Royal Hospital by the Council, the termination date to be agreed as described in the report,

(2) an 'in house' Shared Procurement Unit be established for Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council, incurring additional costs of £8,645 per Authority to be funded from the Transformation Reserve/ Invest to Save Reserve,

(3) the Chief Executive Officer be instructed to exercise his delegated powers to establish the two new procurement posts,

(4) the recruitment of the two procurement officers on the grades shown in the report be undertaken immediately with Bolsover District Council as the employer,

(5) any additional costs associated with creating the Procurement Unit would be funded equally from the Transformation/ Invest to Save Reserve by Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Councils, up to a maximum of £2,000 per Council,

(6) Once established, the procurement unit seeks opportunities to provide procurement services for other Local Authorities,

(7) Officers explore opportunities, options and the potential to develop a 'trading vehicle' to deliver this and possible other services in the future.

REASON FOR DECISION: (1) An 'in house' procurement service will be better placed to meet both BDC's and NEDDC's existing and future needs providing greater capacity and efficiency in the service it provides. Such a service would result in a more in-depth and strategic approach, ensuring both Councils maximise the opportunities available through procurement.

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(2) An 'in house' procurement service has the potential to not only increase our current procurement capacity and maximise efficiencies and savings, it also has the potential to generate significant income for both BDC and NEDDC by providing a service to other Local Authorities.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: BDC and NEDDC to continue with existing arrangements through the NHS Shared Procurement Unit.

(Strategic Director – People)

**0714. NON KEY DECISION
STRATEGIC ALLIANCE – SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM –
RECRUITMENT PROPOSALS
EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3**

The Chief Executive Officer presented the report which recommended the appointment of a partner to assist in the recruitment of the posts of Joint Head of Planning and Joint Head of Partnerships and Transformation, in line with the previously approved restructure of the Strategic Alliance Management Team. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of advertising the posts internally in the first instance and the possibility of internal secondments.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor B. Watson

RESOLVED that (1) the Executive supports the appointment of the East Midlands Councils as the partner to assist in the recruitment of the posts of Joint Head of Planning and Joint Head of Partnerships & Transformation and asks the Joint Chief Executive Officer to confirm the appointment and make the necessary arrangements.

REASON FOR DECISION: Following analysis of the two bids tabled, the Joint Chief Executive Officer has concluded that East Midlands Councils should be appointed on the grounds that their proposal offers better value for money than that proposed by Penna. As indicated, East Midlands Councils have worked with the Alliance in the recent past so have an understanding of the needs of both Councils. Additionally, they are able to hit the ground running as they are part of the Local Government family and therefore using them to assist with the recruitment process is recommended given the level of the two vacant posts.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED: An alternative option would be to accept the Penna bid but given the considerable costs this not recommended. A further alternative would be to undertake the recruitment exercise without any external support. This would have resource implications for the Human Resources Team in delivery of the relevant tests and tools for assessing candidates. Therefore, in order to ensure a robust, objective and transparent recruitment process the use of East Midlands Councils external support is recommended.

(Chief Executive Officer)

The meeting concluded at 1024 hours.