

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Members for Health & Wellbeing, Environmental Services and Procurement, Assets & Shared Services**  
held on Monday, 14th June, 2010 at Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor A Knowles, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing  
Councillor P Mason, Cabinet Member for Procurement, Assets and Shared Services  
Councillor R Menlove, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

## **In attendance**

Councillor A Thwaite, Chairman of Corporate Scrutiny Committee

## **Officers**

Guy Kilminster, Head of Health and Wellbeing  
Peter Hartwell, Head of Safer and Stronger Communities  
Peter Hall, Head of Property Services  
Paul Mountford, Legal and Democratic Services

## **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

## **2 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

## **3 CREWE LYCEUM THEATRE AND KNUTSFORD CINEMA - CONTRACT FOR STRATEGIC REVIEW AND SOFT MARKET TESTING**

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing considered the award of a contract to conduct a strategic review and soft market testing of the Crewe Lyceum Theatre and Knutsford Cinema.

In order to take the project forward, and owing to a lack of internal capacity, it was necessary to engage consultants to evaluate all suitable management options. The consultants would be asked to examine each of the facilities in turn and to soft market test a variety of options in order to measure levels of interest.

The suitable management options would include:

- A New Leisure Trust or Limited Company
- Transferral to an existing Leisure Trust or Limited Company

- A Management Buy-Out
- Community Interest Company
- Transferral to the Private sector
- Retaining the Service In House

The consultants would be closely monitored by the Project Team, and in particular by the Service Development Manager.

In accordance with Finance and Contract Procedure Rules, four companies had been invited to quote and three quotations had been received, the lowest being that of PMP Genesis in the sum of £10,506.

The cost of the work could be met from an existing capital budget.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing approves that

- (1) the contract to conduct a strategic review and soft market testing of the Crewe Lyceum Theatre and Knutsford Cinema be awarded to PMP Genesis for the sum of £10,506; and
- (2) a total sum of up to £15,000 be allocated to this work, the difference between this amount and the quotation figure acting as a contingency sum.

## **4 OBJECTIONS TO GATING ORDER**

The Cabinet Member for Environmental Services considered a number of objections to the introduction of a gating order on roads in the Crewe South Ward.

Crewe South suffered from rear entry burglary, criminal damage and youth nuisance rates over twice the Borough average.

Alley gating provided relief from a range of crime types such as substance misuse, antisocial behaviour, arson, rear entry burglary, criminal damage, fly tipping, dog fouling and graffiti. In addition, the installation of alley gates greatly addressed residents' fear of crime, general safety and wellbeing within their homes.

Other courses of action to address the issues had included increased attendance of wardens and police, and street cleansing; at the current levels of criminality such actions were not sustainable in the longer term.

Consultation on the proposed gating order had taken place and a number of objections had been received and addressed as detailed in the report.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, having considered the objections to the proposed gating order and the Officers' comments thereon as set out in the report, agrees that the proposed gating order for the roads referred to in paragraph 11.2 of the report and shown on the plan set out in the Appendix be made as advertised.

### **5 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

## **RESOLVED**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 & 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

### **6 TRANSFER/DISPOSAL OF LAND AT 196 OXFORD ROAD, MACCLESFIELD**

This item was deferred to enable the Officers to obtain further information and would be considered at a later date.

### **7 CREWE BUSINESS PARK - SECURITY CONTRACT AND LEASE OF SECURITY OFFICE**

The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Assets and Shared Services considered a report regarding the award of a 3 year security contract, including a 3 year lease of a security office, at Crewe Business Park, Crewe.

Crewe Business Park was owned by Cheshire East Council. The day-to-day management of the Business Park was undertaken by the Council, including grounds maintenance and the provision of security services.

The security contract was put out to tender every three years in order to ensure that all service charge contributors received best value and fairness. The latest tender exercise had been undertaken in October 2008. Three local security firms had submitted tenders and the tender submitted by Total Security had offered best value.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Cabinet Member for Procurement, Assets and Shared Services agrees that a 3 year security contract be awarded to Terence Charles Love, trading as Total Security, to provide security services at Crewe Business Park, Crewe. In accepting the security contract, Total Security are to agree to a lease to occupy Crewe Business Park's security office on

terms and conditions to be determined by the Borough Solicitor and Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets, to coincide with the contract for service delivery.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.20 am

Councillor Peter Mason