

Minutes of the Executive Committee

11th June, 2007, at 12 noon
at Fire Service Headquarters,
Lancaster Circus Queensway, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Hinton (Chair);
Councillors Idrees and Ward;
Councillor Gazey [Substitute Member].

Apologies: Councillors Bowen, Eustace and Howard.

23/07 **Annual Report 2006/07**

The Committee considered a draft version of the Annual Report for the 2006/07 financial year. The Authority's external auditors had been consulted and they had confirmed that the report addressed the ongoing requirements of the Local Government Act, 1999 in relation to Best Value. The report would complement the forward-looking Corporate Strategy and Annual Service Plan.

Resolved that the draft report be approved.

24/07 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 for the following reasons:

Minute No 25/07 – information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings;

Minutes No 26/07 and 27/07 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person [including the authority holding that information].

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25/07 **Waste Transfer Station adjacent to Hay Mills Fire Station**

The Committee was informed that an objection had been lodged in respect of a planning objection submitted by the operators of the Waste Transfer Station situated at 190 Speedwell Road, Tysley, due to the potential for the proposed extension of opening hours to increase the dust pollution currently affecting the adjacent Hay Mills Fire Station. It had been necessary to take this action as a matter of urgency to comply with the timescales of the planning process, following legal advice. Details of the objection were submitted.

The situation with regard to dust pollution at Hay Mills Fire Station was being monitored.

Resolved that the action taken to lodge an objection with Birmingham City Council in respect of the planning application be affirmed.

26/07 **Tenders for the Construction of a Training Facility**

The Committee opened six tenders received for the construction of a training facility, in the following amounts:-

£742,262.00;
£818,729.00;
£854,173.00;
£909,227.00;
£947,121.00;
£1,066,649.00.

The estimated cost of the work was £900,000.

Resolved that subject to:-

- (a) the checking of the tender;
- (b) the preparation of a formal contract by the Clerk;
- (c) any necessary comments from the Government Departments concerned;

the tender submitted by Chase Norton Construction Ltd, in the sum of £742,262.00, being the lowest received, be accepted.

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27/07 **Bids for the Sale of West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters**

The Committee opened eight bids received for the sale of Fire Service Headquarters.

The bids would be evaluated and a further report submitted in due course.

(Meeting ended at 12.40 pm)

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