

Minutes of the Executive Committee

**10 September, 2012, at 10.00am
at Fire Service Headquarters, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham**

Present: Councillor Edwards (Chair);
Councillor Idrees (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Aston, Clinton, Davies, Davis, Douglas-
Maul, Finnegan, Foster and O'Neill.

Observers: Councillors Atwal, Auluck, Delaney, Eustace, Hogarth,
Quinnen, Spence, Tranter, Ward and Wright.

18/12 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting. This is to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

19/12 **Use of Service Premises by the Solihull Independent Living Consortium**

Approval was sought to enter into a ten year lease with Solihull Independent Living Consortium (SILC) for the use of the annexe building adjoining Solihull Fire Station.

SILC was a consortium of eight organisations that delivered health and social care services to vulnerable adults. All eight organisations were signed up to a Memorandum of Understanding, and each had a proven track record of delivering high quality services, in accordance with national standards.

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Allowing SILC to use the premises would be mutually beneficial in that it would bring a currently unused building back into use and would assist the Service in reaching vulnerable groups in the community. Subject to a successful bid for funding of £150,000 a successful funding bid, SILC would also be responsible for undertaking a full refurbishment of the premises.

The Committee noted that the Service would have no claim to use the annexe building within the lease period and that alternative premises would need to be sought if operational requirements meant that more space was required at Solihull Fire Station.

The Committee noted the financial implications of the proposal.

Resolved:-

- (1) that approval is given to the leasing of the annexe building adjoining Solihull Fire Station to Solihull Life Opportunities on behalf of Solihull Independent Living Consortium (SILC) for the period of ten years;
- (2) that, subject to a successful bid for funding of £150,000 funding bid by SILC, approval be given to proceed with a tender exercise for refurbishment works to the annexe building;
- (3) that, subject to (2) (above) a successful funding bid by SILC, a rental rate of £23,000 per annum be charged, following a six-month rent free period at the commencement of the lease.

20/12 Planned Procurement Exercises for 2012/2013

Approval was sought to extend and vary the terms of the Authority's contract with Fortek to enable the Service's command and control system to be extended into Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, to support the Shared Fire Control Project.

The contract extension would commence at the end of September, 2012 and it was anticipated that an interim command and control system for both authorities would go live in the second quarter of 2013.

The cost of the variation and extension to the contract was £126,000.

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Resolved that approval be given to the extension and variation of the existing contract with Fortek to enable the extension of the West Midlands Fire Service's command and control system into Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, to support the Shared Fire Control Project.

(Meeting ended at 10.11 am)

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