

BUSINESS EFFICIENCY SCRUTINY PANEL	Agenda Item No. 8
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Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

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EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify the Panel of the Executive Decisions which have been taken and which relate to the Panel's remit.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Panel identifies any decisions they may wish to examine in more detail.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 3.1 Links to the Corporate Plan, Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement are contained within the individual decisions notices.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Nene Bridge Refurbishment

Awarded the following contract to the respective contractor, who is part of the Midlands Work Framework 3 (MWF3) contract, for the sum set out in the exempt annex of the decision notice:

- 1) Nene Bridge Refurbishment, to Geoffrey Osborne Ltd.

Reasons

Nene Bridge carries the A1139 Frank Perkins Parkway over the March to Peterborough railway line and the River Nene. The bridge comprises of five continuous spans of steel box beams with an in-situ reinforced concrete topping slab, and rests on 'V' leg piers and cantilever abutments, which are also of reinforced concrete construction. Various inspections have been carried out on the bridge and a series of defects have been identified. Consequently, preventative remedial works should be undertaken to minimise further deterioration of the structure and prevent any of the defects from developing into significant structural issues. The main defects identified include the general deterioration of paintwork, failure of the waterproofing system and the consequent emergence of transverse cracks through the concrete slab soffit (with associated leaching), spalling from the tops of the piers and potentially substandard lighting columns and safety barriers in the central reserve.

4.2 Refurbishment and Enhancement of Clare Lodge Secure Unit, Glington, Phase 3

Awarded the contract for Phase 3 of the refurbishment and enhancement of Clare Lodge Secure Unit, Glington and additional business continuity and energy efficiency works to Peterborough City Services in the sum indicated within the exempt annex of the decision notice.

Reasons

The project to refurbish and enhance existing facilities at Clare Lodge has had to be phased to accommodate funding requirements and operational needs of the facility which continues to operate throughout the enhancement contracts. .

- Phase one of the project which included internal refurbishment and provision of administrative

accommodation has been completed.

- Phase two, which included the provision of a new secure vehicle entry bay, gymnasium, entrance and security infrastructure achieved practical completion on 7 November 2008.
- Phase three, the proposed work includes the re-provision of teaching facilities and the refurbishment of the residents accommodation, including the installation of personal recognition security systems and integrated management control.

Phase three is required to commence as soon as possible now that phase two has been completed. Phase two included the installation of some of the infrastructure for these systems with the main operating elements included within phase three. The contractor engaged in the delivery of phase 2 is now familiar with the particular requirements of the site relating to stringent security, controlled access and specific internal management systems, the manager of the centre has been consulted regarding negotiation and stated that he has no objection to the same contractor being appointed for the next element of the works.

It is considered that there is significant benefit in terms of continuity, warranty and potentially cost in engaging with the same contractor for phase three as for phase two and significant risk to the City Council in not having this continuity in terms of the management and cost of the work and the future maintenance of the technology and systems installed.

The DSCF (Department for Schools, Children and Families) have stated that they have no particular requirements regarding the method of procurement for either phase three or for additional works for which funding has recently been approved, providing value for money can be demonstrated. In order to meet the programme required by the principal funders, the DSCF, work on phase three and the additional works for which funding has recently been approved is required to commence on site early in 2009, an extended procurement process can not therefore be accommodated and a prompt appointment and commencement on site is critical.

4.3 Award of Contract for the Refurbishment of the Jack Hunt Swimming Pool

Authorised the award of the contract for the refurbishment of the Jack Hunt Swimming Pool to City Services in the sum outlined in the exempt annex of the decision notice.

Reasons

Peterborough City Council was awarded an allocation of funding totalling £1.24million over 3 years in the 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/2011 capital programme to carry out various upgrades and enhancements to the Sports Services portfolio of properties. As part of the 2008/09 programme of works part of the funding has been identified to refurbish and enhance the public areas of Jack Hunt Swimming Pool, this to include the changing rooms, reception area, spectator area and pool hall. Within the 2008/09 budget for compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act, an allocation of capital has been made and works identified to ensure such compliance with the Act, including the provision of ramped external egress routes.

In order to minimise disruption to the services delivered at the pool and benefit from economies of scale these works have been combined into a single contract which has been tendered in accordance with the Council's contract regulations.

The facilities provide a range of activities and support for Peterborough Schools and the community and are well supported and used by the local and city wide community.

5. **IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Any specific implications are contained within the individual decision notices.

6. **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 That the Panel consider the Executive Decisions which are relevant to the remit of the Panel and which have been made since the last meeting and if felt appropriate, to identify any decisions they may wish to examine in more detail.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Executive Decision notices published from 20 January 2009

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