

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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### **POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a meeting of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 18 September 2015

PRESENT: Mr A J King, MBE (Chairman), Miss S J Carey, Mr N J D Chard, Mr J A Davies, Mr J Elenor, Mr C P D Hoare, Mr R A Latchford, OBE, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr S C Manion, Mr R A Marsh, Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr D Smyth and Mr N S Thandi

ALSO PRESENT: Mr P B Carter, CBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A Beer (Corporate Director Engagement, Organisation Design & Development), Mr D Cockburn (Corporate Director Strategic & Corporate Services), Mr R Hallett (Head of Business Intelligence), Ms N Major (Strategic Financial Adviser), Mrs R Spore (Director of Infrastructure) and Mr A Wood (Corporate Director Finance and Procurement)

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

**166. Introduction/Webcast announcement**

*(Item A1)*

**167. Apologies and Substitutes**

*(Item A2)*

- (1) Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Dean and Mr Ridings. Mr Bird and Mr Marsh attended as substitutes for Mrs Dean and Mr Ridings respectively.
- (2) The Chairman said that all Cabinet Members had been invited to attend the meeting and it was noted that Mrs Hohler was in attendance as substitute for Mr Hill.

**168. Declarations of Interest by Members in items on the Agenda**

*(Item A3)*

There were no declarations of interest.

**169. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**170. Facing the Challenge - Back Office Procurement Project**

*(Item B1)*

- (1) Mr Hallett (Senior Responsible Officer for the Back Office Procurement Project) introduced the report which built on previous updates to the Cabinet Committee and provided information about the outcome of the evaluation process.
- (2) A letter received from one of the bidders in relation to Lot 1 was tabled and Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to read it.
- (3) Mrs Beer (Corporate Director Engagement, Organisation Design and Development) referred in particular to Appendix 1 of the report and drew Members' attention to the results of the evaluation of Lot 1.
- (4) Mr Wood (Director of Finance and Procurement) with the assistance of Mrs Major (Strategic Financial Adviser) introduced the Section 151 Officer's Value for Money Report relating to Lot 1 set out in Appendix 2.
- (5) Mr Hotson (Chairman of the Commissioning Advisory Board) gave a short summary of the Board's view of the tender bid for Lot 1 and Lot 3.
- (6) Officers then answered Members' questions.
- (7) Resolved, unanimously, to recommend to Cabinet not to proceed with the bid for Lot 1.
- (8) Mrs Beer referred to the Commissioning Board's report on the evaluation of Lot 3 (section 7 of Appendix 1).
- (9) Mr Wood with the assistance of Mrs Major introduced the elements of the Value for Money report that related to Lot 3 (10). Officers then answered Members' questions.
- (11) Resolved to recommend to Cabinet that the bid for Lot 3 be pursued.