

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 19th January 2007.

Executive Committee.

Present: Steven Purcell (Chair), James Coleman, Aileen Colleran, Eamon Fitzgerald, Irene Graham, John Lynch, Margaret McCafferty, Catherine McMaster, Hanzala Malik, Dr Christopher Mason, John Mason, William O'Rourke, George Ryan, Ruth Simpson and Margaret Sinclair and, for paragraph 2 only, the Rev Graham Cartlidge.

Apologies: Jean McFadden, John McKenzie and David Stevenson.

Attending: N Lyttle (Clerk); G Black, Chief Executive; I Drummond, Solicitor to the Council; L Brown, Director of Financial Services; B McConnell, Executive Director (Culture and Sport); S Inch, Director of Development and Regeneration Services; R O'Neill, Director of Environmental Protection Services; F Chambers, Director of Direct and Care Services; R O'Connor, Executive Director (Education, Training and Young People); R Booth, Director of Land Services; and D Comley, Director of Social Work Services.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 8th December 2006 were submitted and approved.

Procurement of managed ICT service to primary schools and pre-5 establishments (pre-12 ICT service) - Contract approved – Instruction to officers.

2 Bailie Margaret McCafferty, Executive member for Education Services presented a report by the Executive Director (Education, Training and Young People) on a proposal for the procurement of a managed ICT Service for primary schools and pre-5 establishments (pre-12 ICT service), advising that

- (1) the Council's strategy for pre-12 education included a proposal to rebuild and modernise primary and pre-5/nursery establishments throughout the city and where appropriate to include provision of special educational needs and in order to align the ICT services in primary and pre-5 establishments to the Council's pre-12 strategy, Education Services had been required to procure and implement a new pre-12 managed ICT service;
- (2) the procurement of the pre-12 ICT service had been drawn up and advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union in May 2006 which resulted in 4 bids being made for the services and after evaluation 2 tenderers had been identified for consideration; and
- (3) both companies had made presentations to relevant parties within the Council and it was considered that the offer by the Dell Corporation was the only company to meet the Council's stated affordability.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the award of the contract for Education Services' pre-12 ICT service to the Dell Corporation at a cost of £15,500,259 for a 5 year contract; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director (Education, Training and Young People) and the Chief Executive (Legal and Administrative Services) to engage with the Dell Corporation to successful contractual conclusion.

2014 Commonwealth Games – Position agreed.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Policy and Resources (Convener's) Sub-committee of 9th August 2005 (Print 3, page 553) when it had been agreed to endorse and underwrite a bid for Glasgow to host the 2014 Commonwealth Games on the basis that the Council would meet 20% of the net cost to the public pursue of all other Games costs, namely operations budget, capital costs and legacy costs, with the Scottish Executive meeting 80% of the costs, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding the progress of the bid, which was in competition with Abuja, Nigeria and Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

- (1) advising that
 - (a) a 17 sport cap for cities bidding for the 2014 Commonwealth Games had been introduced and the number of mandatory core sports had been increased from 5 to 10;
 - (b) the submission date for bid cities would be May 2007 and following the submission of the bid, the Commonwealth Games Federation Evaluation Committee would visit the 3 bid cities in June 2007 and in July, August and September there would be a series of visits from the different continental groupings of Commonwealth Games Associations and the Commonwealth Games Federation Executive; and
 - (c) in November 2007 at the Commonwealth Games Assembly, the 71 countries in the Commonwealth would vote, with one vote each, on the right for staging the 2014 Commonwealth Games;
- (2) detailing the key components of Glasgow's bid, including the 17 sport programme and the range of quality existing major sporting and multi-purpose venues in the city to be used at the Games; and
- (3) intimating that the estimated net games budget for staging a 17 sport programme at 2007 prices was £288.249m and based on this, the Council's contribution was £57.650m spread over the period 2008-15, compared with an initial estimate of £250m and the main reasons for the increase was due to the sports programme being increased from 15 to 17 sports and an increase in the provision for security costs as a result of a change in global and domestic circumstances.

After consideration, the committee approved the Council's 20% contribution to the net cost of the public purse of staging the 2014 Commonwealth Games, which, based on a net Games Budget of £288.249m equated to £57.650m.

Re-investment of new technology fund resources to Council priority projects approved.

4 Councillor George Ryan, Executive member for Personnel and Administration Services presented a report by the Chief Executive seeking approval for a re-investment of new technology fund resources to a number of Council priority projects following a review of the Access Glasgow projects, advising that

- (1) in order to ensure value for money in the use of technology a review had been instructed by the Head of E-Government and Development to ensure that Access Glasgow approvals aligned with the Council's main objectives and priorities; and
- (2) key findings of the review identified that there were opportunities for re-investment of efficiencies from older projects into areas that would align better with current Council priorities as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee approved the reinvestment of £1,127,300 to the following projects to be funded from efficiencies achieved in New Technology Fund projects:-

<i>Council Priority projects</i>	<i>Amount of Transfer</i>	<i>Comments</i>
New CHCP budget contingency	£115,900	Proposed allocation to new project
Single means testing	£115,000	New
Web Development	£116,400	Increase
Strategic management systems	£100,000	New
Increase in Access Centre approval	£350,000	Expansion of telephone system and further system development
Business storage	£200,000	New
Business change support	£130,000	New
Total	£1,127,300	

Forth and Clyde Canal Local Development Strategy (various wards) approved, after division.

5 Councillor Hanzala Malik, Executive member for Development and Regeneration Services presented a report by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services on the Forth and Clyde Canal Local Development Strategy (Wards 3 to 7, 9, 18 to 21, 23, 25 and 26)

- (1) detailing the background to the finalised draft Local Development Strategy (LDS) which had been approved for consultation by the Development and Regeneration Services Committee on 15th June 2006 (Print 2, page 259); and
- (2) outlining the consultation process that had taken place and the context of the plan within the Council's City Plan.

Councillor Purcell, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved that the committee

- (a) approve the Forth and Clyde Canal Local Development Strategy as detailed in the report;
- (b) note that a more detailed master plan for the areas identified in the report would be submitted to committee for approval in due course; and
- (c) agree that the Development and Regeneration Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the LDS.

Councillor John Mason, seconded by Bailie Dr Christopher Mason, moved as an amendment that paragraph 18.6 of the report be amended to read “The design principles for New Rotterdam Wharf are determined by the need to respect and address the unique characteristics of the Spiers Wharf buildings, and be no higher than the ground floor of listed buildings opposite”.

On a vote being taken electronically, 2 members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Land and property adjacent to Celtic Park (Wards 35, 36 and 45) – Acquisitions and disposals approved etc.

6 Councillor Hanzala Malik, Executive member for Development and Regeneration Services presented a report by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services on the proposed acquisition of land from Celtic plc at Strathy Park, Silverdale Street (Ward 35) and the disposal of sites to Celtic plc at the former Westhorn Recreation Ground, London Road (Ward 45) and within the site known as the Celtic Triangle (Ward 36), advising that

- (1) Celtic plc had approached the Council some time ago to establish whether the former Westhorn Recreation ground and other areas of land within the Celtic Triangle owned by the Council could be incorporated within its wider vision for the development of the Celtic Park precincts;
- (2) although several of the Council-owned sites in and around Celtic Park had a value particular to Celtic the development of the sites for non-football related uses would be difficult; and
- (3) discussions had taken place to cover the possible acquisition by the Council of a site at Strathy Park, owned by Celtic which was within the boundaries of the Commonwealth Games Village site and had involved Celtic, their appointed agents, the District Valuer and Council officials.

After consideration, the committee approved

- (a) the disposal of various sites within the Celtic Triangle to Celtic plc on the terms detailed in the report;
- (b) the terms of the lease to Celtic plc of a new coach park to be built adjacent to the National Indoor Sports Arena for match day use only at an annual rental of £32,000 as detailed in the report; and

- (c) the process to be followed to dispose of the site at Westhorn Recreation Ground to Celtic Plc and the acquisition of the site at Strathy Park from Celtic plc as detailed in the report.

Progress report on Race Equality Scheme 2005-08 approved – Reference to Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees.

7 Councillor Irene Graham, Executive Member for Equalities presented a report by the Chief Executive on the Council's Race Equality Scheme for 2005-08, advising that

- (1) the Policy and Resources (Equalities) Sub-committee on 16th November 2005 (Print 5, page 848) had approved the Race Equality Scheme 2005-08 to meet the Council's requirements under the Race Relations Amendment Act 2000 and the Race Relations Act 1976 (Statutory Duties) (Scotland) Order 2002, which placed a duty on the Council, in carrying out its policies and functions, to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promotion of equality of opportunity and promotion of good relations between persons of different racial groups;
- (2) the scheme formed the Council's strategy and action plan for meeting the general duty that required the Council to produce an annual progress report on implementation of the scheme, which was attached as an appendix to the report; and
- (3) progress had been made in implementing the scheme mainly through the completion of the Race Impact Assessment of Social Work Services, Reception Services which piloted the Race Impact Assessment Guidance Notes which were developed for the Council.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the progress report and the revised implementation plan; and
- (b) referred the report to all Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees for detailed consideration.

Financial Services – Housing Benefit and Council Tax Section - Additions to establishment approved.

8 Councillor Ruth Simpson, City Treasurer presented a report by the Director of Financial Services seeking approval for the creation of 33 posts within the Benefits Section of Financial Services, advising that

- (1) the Verification Framework (VF) was an integral part of the Housing Benefit and Council Tax benefit scheme and the Council must apply VF standards to meet the requirements of the performance standards laid down by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP);
- (2) the VF was made up of 3 modules of which new claims was one of the modules and there was a need for additional posts due to a more stringent checking of claim information that was now required for new claims under VF; and
- (3) 18 of the additional posts would be on a variable hours contract with a non-core payment of £500 per annum.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted that the cost of the proposal of £799,808 per annum would be met from the Administration Subsidy from the DWP; and
- (b) approved the undernoted additions to the establishment of the Benefits Section of Financial Services:-

<i>Post</i>	<i>No of posts</i>
VF Support Officer – BS3a, Grade 6 - £23,015 - £27,105	1
Senior Visiting Officer – CA5, Grade 6 - £23,015 -£27,105	1
Visiting Officer – CA4a, Grade 5 - £18,694 - £22,031	13
Administrative Team Leader – CA3, Grade 4 - £16,357 - £17,884	1
Benefit Officer - CA3, Grade 4 - £16,357 - £17,884	14
Clerical Officer – CA2, Grade 3 - £14,295 - £15,646	3

Strategic Housing programme 2006/07 – Revised programme and additional allocations approved.

9 With reference to the minutes of 27th October 2006 (Print 4, page 584) approving the proposed resource bid and associated projects for the Accelerated Re-provisioning Programme 2006/07 and the revised Core Development Funding programme and shadow programme 2006/07, Councillor Fitzgerald, Executive member for Housing Development, presented a report regarding the Strategic Housing programme 2006/07, advising that

- (1) when the Council's housing stock was transferred to the Glasgow Housing Association (GHA) a condition of the transfer was that funding would be made available to provide housing grant to owners affected by the Association's development programme and £100m was made available to be drawn down over 10 years;
- (2) the current year's allocation of £10m had been substantially exceeded and Communities Scotland had agreed that a supplementary sum of £6.22m could be drawn down from the overall allocation bringing the total available for owners affected by the GHA programme to £16.22m;
- (3) the repairs programme was now well under way for the financial year 2006/07 with a possibility of further funds being made available by the Scottish Executive on the understanding that spending was carried out within the current financial year and as a result contracts would be required to be let as soon as possible after obtaining tenders; and
- (4) in November 2006, the Minister had confirmed that the Development Funding budget for 2006/07 would be increased from £69.9m to £76m and that the budget had been allocated as follows:-
 - (a) £5.160m for the Accelerated Re-provisioning Programme for Community Based Housing Associations to build 2,400 houses, linked to the Glasgow Housing Association Demolition Programme;

- (b) the “Core” Development Funding Budget had been increased from £49.9m to £54.925m as a result of virement of £3.885 from the Early Action Re-provisioning budget and an allocation of additional resources of £1.140m which would allow projects to be brought forward from the shadow programme, support the acquisition of sites and offset front funding by Registered Social Landlords;
- (c) the Early Action Re-Provisioning Budget Revised Allocation had been reduced from £15.5m to £11.615m, due to slippage in the timescales for tender approval of several projects included in the programme and Communities Scotland had agreed to vire the balance to support the Core Development Funding Budget; and
- (d) £4.3m had been allocated for the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer Budget which was a “ring fenced” allocation made by the Minister which the Council administered on behalf of the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) approved
 - (A) the revised Core Development Programme 2006/07; and
 - (B) the virement of £3.885m from the Early Action Re-Provisioning Budget to the Core Development Programme;
- (ii) authorised officials to let Private Sector Housing Grant projects, as detailed in the report, where funding was in place and where projected expenditure would be contained within known budgets; and
- (iii) noted
 - (A) the supplementary allocation of £6.22m that had been made available to provide housing grant to owners affected by the Glasgow Housing Association’s development programme;
 - (B) the allocation of £5.160m for the Accelerated Re-provisioning programme;
 - (C) the revised allocation of £54.925m for the Core Programme;
 - (D) the revised allocation of £11.615m for the Early Action Re-provisioning programme; and
 - (E) the information in relation to the “ring-fenced” allocations for the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer Budget.

Homeless services – Review of accommodation charges approved.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work Services regarding the review of charges for temporary homeless accommodation

- (1) detailing in Appendix 1 to the report, the key service developments that would impact in budget changes and service delivery;

- (2) advising that accommodation charges had been pooled and this calculated to a weekly accommodation (rent) charge of £240.59 and this charge would have limited adjustments for different sized properties and represented a 4.9% increase on 2006/07 levels;
- (3) intimating that the proposed charges would continue to be eligible for Housing Benefit; and
- (4) outlining the reasons for the significant increase on the 2006/07 temporary rent charges.

After consideration, the committee approved with effect from 2nd April 2007, the revised temporary homeless accommodation charges as detailed in the report.

Invitations to attend conferences – Representation approved.

11 *C The committee, after consideration, agreed to be represented at the undernoted conferences as indicated:-

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Date and place</i>	<i>Representation</i>
#Integration Through Sport	21 st to 23 rd January 2007, Stuggart, Germany	The Lord Provost
Getting Your Message Across	22nd January 2007, London	Bailie Stephen Dornan
Families Keeping it in the family	24 th January 2007, Edinburgh	Councillor Kirsteen Mosson
Holyrood Manifesto Series – Older People	29th January 2007, Edinburgh	Bailie John Gray
**Healthy Communities Seminar 2007	1 st and 2 nd February 2007, York	Councillor Aileen Colleran
Commission for Racial Equality Scotland Policy Reception	7 th February 2007, Edinburgh	Councillor Mohammed Razaq
*CIPFA Scottish Conference	1st and 2nd March 2007, Glasgow	Councillors James McNally, Ruth Simpson and Craig Robertson
NAPF Making Change Make Sense	14th to 16th March 2007, Edinburgh	Councillors James McNally and Ruth Simpson

#This item was dealt with in terms of Section 1(4)(c) of the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

**This item was dealt with in terms of Standing Order Nos 4 and 6, as a matter of urgency.

Award of contracts approved.

12 There were submitted reports by the Chief Executive and the Director of Land Services, regarding tenders received for various contracts.

After consideration, the committee agreed to accept the undernoted most economically advantageous tenders received:-

<i>Contract</i>	<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Value</i>
Supply and delivery of print services – 3 year contract with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months		£2.5m per annum
Lot 1 – Sheet fed litho print and finishing	Ricoh Print Scotland	
Lot 2 – Web offset printing and finishing	Webmart	
Lot 3 – Specialist litho printing and finishing	Allander	
Lot 4 – Digital printing and finishing	Miller Reprographics	
Supply and implementation of Civil Engineering and Communication equipment – 3 year contract with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months	Pegasus Power and Communications Ltd	Estimated at between £350,000 and £3m per annum, depending upon established programme

Tree Preservation Order GCC 080 (2006) - Trees on land at 100 Acre Road (Ward 22) confirmed.

13 There was submitted a report by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services regarding a Provisional Tree Preservation Order which had been served on the owners of trees at 100 Acre Road (Ward 22) to which no objections had been received.

After consideration, the committee confirmed the Tree Preservation Order GCC 080 (2006), trees on land at 100 Acre Road.

Land at Newhall Street (Ward 35) – Development agreement approved – Authority to Chief Executive.

14 With reference to the minutes of the Development and Regeneration Services (Property) Sub-committee of 5th October 2005 (Print 4, page 686) authorising the Director of Development and Regeneration Services to enter into a joint agreement with C & L Investments and Zed Developments Ltd in respect of land at Newhall Street (Ward 35), for residential development, subject to the terms and conditions negotiated by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services, there was submitted a report by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services

- (1) advising that Zed Developments Ltd had agreed terms with C & L Investments to acquire their interest and take the lead role in entering into a joint development with the Council;
- (2) detailing the terms and conditions that had provisionally been agreed; and

- (3) intimating that Zed Developments Ltd would continue to investigate and identify a number of unknown ownerships within the site but in order to assemble ownership and consolidate a site capable of development, there might be the need for the promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved the proposed development agreement on the terms and conditions as detailed in the report; and
- (b) authorised the Chief Executive to promote a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of outstanding ownerships falling within the development boundary.

Property at 419 Hawthorn Street (Ward 24) – Lease approved.

15 There was submitted a report by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services regarding the lease of property at 419 Hawthorn Street (Ward 24).

After consideration, the committee approved the lease of property at 419 Hawthorn Street to Capaldi & Co at a rental of £500 per month until the lease was concluded and thereafter at an annual rental of £6,000, subject to the terms and conditions negotiated by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services.

Property disposals approved – Declaration of interest.

16 There was submitted a report by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services regarding proposals for the disposal of various properties and land.

After consideration, the committee approved the following disposals, the sales being subject to the terms and conditions negotiated by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services:-

<i>Property</i>	<i>Purchaser</i>	<i>Price</i>
Former St Anthony's Football Ground, Helen Street/Edmiston Street (Ward 52)	Dawn Developments Ltd	£763,000 (reduction from £1,250,000)
Residential development, Site at former Victoria Drive Secondary School, Queen Victoria Drive (Ward 10)	Kier Homes Ltd	£5,100,00 (reduction from £6,000,000)
Various properties including 98 Laidlaw Street and plot 206 Aikenhead Road (Ward 54)	Scottish Executive	£167,722
Ground at Berryburn Road (Ward 31)	Glasgow Housing Association	£224,900
Ground at Lochend Road/Canonbie Street (Ward 50)	Lochfield Park Housing Association	£180,000

Land at 26 Moraine Avenue (Ward 3)	Cube Housing Association	£420,000
Site at Mansel Street (Ward 30)	Glasgow Housing Association Ltd	£409,500
Ground at Gartloch Road (Ward 39 and 49)	Persimmon Partnerships (Scotland) Ltd	£303,288
Land at Myreside Street/Rigby Street (Ward 44)	Bellway Homes	£7,500,000
Ground at 263/271 Wilton Street (Ward 19)	Standard Homes Ltd	£120,000
Ground at Cathcart Road (Ward 74)	AS Homes	£185,000
*Ground at Caledonia Road/Cook Street (Ward 54)	Bearsden Homes	£100,000
Ground at East Hallhill Road (Ward 48)	Andrail Ltd	£25,000
Subjects at 28 McAlpine Street (Ward 17)	Gladedale Capital Ltd	£259,000

*In terms of Standing Order No 26, Councillor John Mason declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Premises at 63 Colvend Street (Ward 35) – Acquisition approved.

17 There was submitted a report by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services regarding the acquisition of premises at 63 Colvend Street (Ward 35) from R Kerr Wholesalers for the Clyde Gateway project.

After consideration, the committee approved the acquisition of premises at 63 Colvend Street from R Kerr Wholesalers for £357,440, subject to the terms and conditions negotiated by the Director of Development and Regeneration Services.