

**AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION
BOARD WAS HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2011**

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (ex-officio); Councillors Beavis (P), Burgess (P), Carter, C R (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Forder (P), Hook (Chairman) (P), Lane, Langdon (P), Philpott (P) and Wright (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Mrs Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Lane for this meeting.

62. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor and Councillor Lane.

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

64. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received.

65. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

66. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following items the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the report.

67. MAJOR CONTRACT PROCUREMENT CONTRACTOR EVALUATION

Consideration was given to a joint exempt report of the Head of Operational Services & Head of Streetscene which informed Members of the outcome of the contractor evaluation process in the procurement of the Councils major contracts.

The report was exempt from publication as it included information relating to the financial or business affairs of third party companies/bidders and therefore the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

When the award of the contract for Lot 2 was put to the vote, Councillors Chegwyn and Wright abstained from the voting.

RESOLVED: That the contract for Lot 2 (Environmental and Streetscene Services) for provision of services to the Council be awarded as per the recommendation contained in the report.

68. REPLACEMENT LANDING STAGE UPDATE

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that the following item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that the item had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100B(4)(a) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the need to approve the completion of negotiations prior to the contractor starting work on site.

The report was exempt from publication as it contained details of the financial affairs of the Council and a third party at a time when negotiations were not finally concluded. These negotiations could be prejudiced if this information were made public which may have an adverse impact on the arrangement to the detriment of the Council tax payers. Therefore the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Leisure and Corporate Services Manager which provided an update to Members on the progress of the project to replace the landing stage.

RESOLVED: That the amendment of the Chattel lease to allow for an extension period of a further 10 years be approved and the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into such legal documentation as is necessary to give effect to this decision.

The meeting ended at 5.25 pm

CHAIRMAN