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CABINET

17 MAY 2023

(9.01 pm - 9.07 pm)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Ross Garrod (in the Chair), Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Councillor Stephen Alambritis, Councillor Billy Christie, Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah, Councillor Brenda Fraser, Councillor Natasha Irons, Councillor Andrew Judge, Councillor Sally Kenny and Councillor Peter McCabe

ALSO PRESENT Lewis Addlington-Lee (Head of Leader's Office), Hannah Doody (Chief Executive) and Louise Round (Interim Executive Director of Innovation and Change), Dan Jones (Executive Director Environment, Civic Pride & Climate), Lucy Owen (Executive Director Housing and Sustainable Development), John Morgan (Executive Director Adult Social Care, Integrated Care and Public Health), Jane McSherry (Executive Director Children, Lifelong Learning and Families), Polly Cziok (Executive Director Innovation and Change), Lewis Addlington-Lee (Head of Leader's Office), Amy Dumitrescu (Democracy Services Manager) and Richard Seedhouse (Democratic Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

The Chair welcomed the new Executive Directors to the meeting.

No apologies were received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 are agreed as an accurate record.

4 WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING COMMISSIONING: SPECIFICATION FOR WASTE & RECYCLING PROCUREMENT (Agenda Item 4)

The Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Greenspaces and Climate Change presented the report, thanking officers for their work. In response to questions from Cabinet Members, the Cabinet Member noted that the consultation had received over 2500 responses and the new specification included a number of proposed enhancements in response to this.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet:

- A. Agreed the proposed enhancements to the waste and recycling service specification in order that the specification can be finalised for submission to the Greater London Assembly as required by the Greater London Authority Act 1999.
- B. Noted the estimated costs associated with each of the proposed enhancements and agree that final costs for the agreed enhancements be allowed for in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2025/26.
- C. Noted the rationale and intended benefits of each of the proposed enhancements.
- D. Noted that the final version of the specification for submission to the Greater London Authority will be signed off by the Executive Director for Environment, Civic Pride and Climate in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate.
- E. Noted the possible impacts on the collection service that will need to be accommodated due to government plans for the potential standardisation of recycling and waste collections across England, the application of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging and the adoption of a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) nationally.
- F. Noted that proposed enhancements to the specification for the street cleansing service will be reported to Cabinet for decision at a later date

5 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SECURITY AND SUPPORT SERVICES (Agenda Item 5)

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services presented the report, advising that the new contract had been procured for three years with the potential for a further year extension and brought the security contracts into a single contract. The Cabinet Member advised that all staff would be paid the London Living Wage.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Cabinet awarded a new contract to Bidder C for the provision of security and support services covering Merton's Civic centre, Libraries, Vestry Hall and Canon's Old House together with mobile and ad hoc security services to other corporate buildings and Leisure services events for a period of three years (3) with a potential extension of up to 12 months. The contract value is set out in Exempt Appendix.
- 2. That Cabinet delegated the decision to award an extension of the awarded contract to the Executive Director of Innovation & Change in consultation with the Cabinet Member, for any period up to 12 months (1 year) in accordance with CSO 27

6 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda Item 6)

The meeting proceeded entirely in public and therefore this item was not required.