

Cabinet

Monday, 19 February 2024

7.30pm

Present:

Cllr John Burden (Chair)
Cllr Shane Mochrie-Cox (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Emma Morley
Lauren Sullivan
Narinderjit Singh Thandi
Jenny Wallace

Note: Cllr Karina O'Malley was also in attendance.

Stuart Bobby	Chief Executive
Nick Brown	Director (Environment) & Deputy Chief Executive
Sarah Parfitt	Director (Corporate Services)
Jamie Izzard	Director (Communities and Inclusive Growth)
Daniel Killian	Director (Housing)
Nicole Arthur	Head of Housing Operations
Chloe Taylor	Committee Services Officer (Minutes)

79. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

80. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29 January 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

81. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

82. Delegated Decisions - Cabinet Members

No decisions other than those already circulated had been made.

83. Corporate Performance Report Q3 2023-24

The Chief Executive presented members of Cabinet with an update against the performance management framework, as introduced within the council's Corporate Plan, for Quarter three 2023-24 (October to December 2023).

Cabinet noted the report.

84. Procurement of Housing Asset Contracts

The Head of Housing Operations presented Cabinet with a report that detailed the current position in relation to contracts in place for housing assets to maintain the council's housing stock. The purpose of the report was to seek approval to confirm the council's membership of SEC Procurement Limited (formally South East Consortium), and to use relevant frameworks to procure and award contracts in accordance with Gravesham's Procurement Strategy.

The following points were highlighted:

- The report detailed the contracts procured previously via public procurement frameworks due to expire on 31 March 2024.
- The intention was to use the SEC Framework for the majority of our procurement requirements for 2024. Where the framework would not cater for a specific work stream, they would engage with another public framework that will meet their needs.
- The annual cost for SEC was £1,425, which equated to 25p per property.
- SEC offered free training for officers in specialist areas.

The Leader advised that the SEC membership offered good value for money. Members were in favour of the frameworks.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Director (Housing) in consultation with legal colleagues be given delegated authority to confirm the council's membership of SEC Procurement Limited.
- 2) The Director (Housing) in consultation with the S151 Officer and Lead Member be given delegated authority to confirm the council's membership of the South East Consortium and conduct the procurement process and award the contracts for DSO Building Management using procurement frameworks by way of mini tender or direct award as outlined within the report.

85. Exclusion

Resolved that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded during the following item of business because it was likely in view of the nature of business to be transacted that, if members of the public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

86. STG Building Control Partnership Business Plan 2024-27

The Cabinet were presented with a report that requested agreement to the STG Building Control Partnership's draft Business Plan for 2024-27.

Resolved that:

- 1) Members approved the proposed STG Building Control Partnership Business Plan 2024-27 (Version 2), incorporating the Financial Plan and the Service Delivery Plan.
- 2) The Secretary to the STG Building Control Joint Committee to be notified on approval of the Business Plan.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 7.47pm