

PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Meeting of Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 20 April 2006 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, MacLellan, Miller, Stewart and Wilson.

In Attendance: S Watson (Chief Executive's); T Hart, J Simpson, J Somerville, S Sprason, T Stanger, R Thomson, L Whiteford (all Corporate Services); E Gilruth (Education and Children's Services).

Councillor Wilson, Convener, Presiding

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, congratulated Russell Thomson on his appointment to the post of Head of Property in Corporate Services with effect from 1 May 2006.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

2. MINUTE

The Minute of Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 8 March 2006 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

3. SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR THE ROUTINE SERVICING, MAINTENANCE, URGENT REPAIR WORK AND PERIODIC EXAMINATIONS AND TESTING FOR LIFT INSTALLATIONS, FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AND BOILERS 2006/2009

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Property (06/281) advising the Committee of the results of the tender process in relation to various Service Contracts for 2006/2009.

Resolved:

To note that Service Contracts for the routine servicing, maintenance, urgent repair work and periodic examinations and test for lift installations, fire alarm systems and boilers 2006/2009 had been awarded to the contractors named in Appendix 1 of Report 06/281.

4. TERM CONTRACT FOR RESPONSIVE MAINTENANCE AND JOBBING WORKS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS 2006/2010

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Property (06/282) advising the Committee of the results of the tender process in relation to the Term Contract for Responsive Maintenance and Jobbing Works on Public Buildings 2006/2010.

Resolved:

- (i) To note that Term Contracts for Responsive Maintenance and Jobbing Works on Public Buildings 2006/2010 had been awarded to the contractors named in Appendix 1 to Report 06/282.
- (ii) To approve the intention of the Interim Head of Property to monitor contractor performance through the setting of appropriate performance indicators which would set benchmark levels from which to demonstrate improvements in service delivery, with these performance indicators being reported as part of the six monthly reporting cycle.

5. GEORGE INN LANE, PERTH – OFFICES AND CENTRE

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Property (06/283) (1) outlining the current position of the Council's properties in George Inn Lane, Perth; and (2) setting out options for their future use.

Resolved:

- (i) To note the options set out in paragraph 5.2 of Report 06/283.

- (ii) To agree further investigation of the options set out in paragraph 5.2 of Report 06/283, with a further report containing a more detailed assessment being presented to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

6. VACANT PROPERTIES

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Property (06/284) (1) informing the Committee about vacant Council properties; and (2) explaining the current procedure for their management.

Resolved:

- (i) Following an amendment to Appendix 2 to Report 06/284 to remove reference to the Tennis Pavilion, Victory Park, Bridge of Earn, to note the present position with regard to vacant properties in the Council's ownership.
- (ii) Officers to review those surplus properties being retained and where a decision is required, with a report recommending appropriate action being presented to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- (iii) Officers to review those void properties where a decision is required and for which there is limited demand, with a further report recommending appropriate action being presented to the June 2006 meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- (iv) To agree to the review of arrangements for the management of vacant properties.

7. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

Resolved:

To agree that future meetings of the Sub-Committee be scheduled to take place on:-

Thursday 8 June 2006, 10.00am

Thursday 24 August 2006, 10.00am

Thursday 5 October 2006, 11.00am

Thursday 23 November 2006, 2.00pm.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973

8. FORMER CRAIGTHUILL HOSTEL, TAYBRIDGE ROAD, ABERFELDY - DISPOSAL

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Property (06/285) recommending the sale of the former Cragthull Hostel, Taybridge Road, Aberfeldy on the basis set out in Report 06/285.

Resolved:

To authorise the disposal of the former Craigthull Hostel, Taybridge Road, Aberfeldy to FK One Ltd on the terms and conditions set out in Report 06/285 and otherwise on terms and conditions to be agreed with the Interim Head of Property and Head of Legal Services.

9. FLAT, 8 ERROL ROAD INVERGOWRIE - ACQUISITION

There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Property (06/286) recommending the purchase of the Flat at 8 Errol Road, Invergowrie.

Resolved:

- (i) The acquisition of 8 Errol Road, Invergowrie be authorised on the terms and conditions set out in Report 06/286, subject to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee approving the re-profiling of the budget for Invergowrie Primary School Upgrade Project, and otherwise on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Interim Head of Property and Head of Legal Services.