

## **PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 August 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, I Miller, D Cuthbert, M Roberts and W Wilson.

In Attendance: S Crawford, D Littlejohn and B Renton, (all The Environment Service); and C Flynn, A Heath, C Irons and L Whiteford (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and no apologies were noted.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 21 May 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. PRE-MARKETING REMEDIATION UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/341) to update members on proposed adjustments to the expenditure profile of funding for pre-marketing remediation works.

#### **Resolved:**

The pre-marketing remediation projects together with the budget allocation as detailed in appendix 1 to report 14/341 be noted.

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

**P1. SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/342), advising of (1) property transactions undertaken by the Estates and Commercial Investment Team and approved under delegated powers for the period November 2013 to June 2014 and (2) contracts and tenders awarded by Property Services under delegated powers for the period November 2013 to June 2014.

**P2. HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLAIRGOWRIE – SUSPENSION OF MARKETING UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/343) on the re-marketing of Hill Primary School, Blairgowrie following a period of suspension of marketing to allow a prospective purchaser to develop proposals to acquire the site for conversion into a multi-functional community space.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The re-marketing for sale of the former Hill Primary School, Blairgowrie to establish whether there were any alternative development opportunities for bringing the complex into use be approved.
- (ii) The closing date for the marketing of the site be no earlier than February 2015, allowing sufficient time for the Ericht Trust to develop a business plan and submit an offer to purchase be approved.
- (iii) A report on all offers received be submitted to committee following the closing date.

**P3. FORMER ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, PERTH – PROPOSED DISPOSAL UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/344) providing an update on the proposed disposal of the former St John's Primary School, Perth to the Workshop and Artists' Studio Provision Scotland Ltd (WASPS).

**Resolved:**

- (i) Deferral of consideration of the proposed acquisition of St John's Primary by WASPS for approximately six months be approved.
- (ii) A further report be submitted to Committee following the six months be approved.

**P4. GROUND, BASEMENT AND FIRST FLOOR SHOP, 45 HIGH STREET, PERTH – PROPOSED LEASE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/345) seeking approval to lease the shop premises at 45 High Street, Perth to VisitScotland for a new Visitor Information Centre.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The appraisal carried out on 45 High Street, Perth in terms of the Disposal of Land by Local Authorities (Scotland) Regulations 2010 as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 14/345 be noted
- (ii) Following consideration of the appraisal, the proposal to lease the premises at 45 High Street, Perth to Visit Scotland for less than best consideration that might reasonably be obtained on the basis that it meets the purpose of promoting or improving economic development or regeneration, be approved.
- (iii) The lease of 45 High Street, Perth to VisitScotland for an initial period of five years, on terms and conditions as contained in Report 14/345, and on such other terms as may be agreed by the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services, be approved.

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