

TRADING BOARD

18 SEPTEMBER 2013

Present :- Councillor Scott Greenhill (Chairman)
Councillors Kevin Bentley, Andrew Ellis, Bill Frame,
Julia Havis, Cyril Liddy and Terry Sutton

Also in Attendance :- Councillor Anne Turrell

Councillor Havis was present for the item at minute 15 only.

12. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2013 were confirmed as a correct record.

An update was sought on the recruitment of the Commercial Procurement Manger and whether there would be any member involvement in the recruitment process. Ian Vipond, Strategic Director Commercial and Place, explained that the job specification was being finalised and would be advertised shortly. In view of the timescales an appointment was unlikely before December 2013. It would be an officer appointment. However, consideration was being given to how to ensure that appropriate commercial expertise could be introduced into the recruitment process and that this could potentially be done through member involvement

13. Local Authority Company Structures

Ian Vipond, Strategic Director, Commercial and Place, presented a report setting out information on the type of company structures that could be set up within the powers for local authorities to trade through a company. In particular he highlighted the two stage approach set out in the paper from KPMG accompanying the report. The first stage would be an “incubator stage” where the company was run under local authority control. There could be circumstances where the company would not need to go beyond this stage. It was clear that that different structures would needed for different services and that matters were made complicated when assets need to be transferred to the company. He confirmed that a Local Authority Trading Company (LATCO) would be liable for both corporation tax and VAT.

RESOLVED that the information provided about company structures that could be set up within the powers for local authorities to trade through a company be noted.

14. Work Programme

Ian Vipond, Strategic Director, Commercial and Place, presented a report setting out the Work Programme for the Trading Board. He stressed that the work programme

was under continual review. In terms of workload, it was felt it would be inappropriate to schedule more than one Commercial Service Review per meeting.

A verbal update was also provided confirming that the following items would now be scheduled for the November meeting:-

- The Situation Appraisal and Options report for the Cemetery and Crematorium;
- Any business cases arising from the Board's consideration of the Options report on CCTV and Community Alarms later at this meeting

RESOLVED that the Work Programme 2013-14 be noted.

The Cabinet/Panel resolved under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) to exclude the public from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

15. Commercial Review of the CCTV and Community Alarms Service

This minute is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).