

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 18 MAY 2023

Present Councillor Huw Thomas (Leader)
Councillors Peter Bradbury/ Julie Sangani (job share)
Councillor Jen Burke
Councillor Dan De'Ath
Councillor Russell Goodway
Councillors Norma Mackie/ Ash Lister (job share)
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Lynda Thorne
Councillor Chris Weaver
Councillor Caro Wild

Observers: Councillor Adrian Robson
Councillor Rodney Berman

Also:

Officers: Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Chris Lee, Section 151 Officer
James Williams, Deputy Monitoring Officer
Sarah McGill, Corporate Director
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

Apologies:

102 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2023

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 27 April 2023 were approved.

**103 RE-PROCUREMENT OF THE COLLABORATIVE SOUTH EAST WALES
COLLABORATIVE CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK (SEWSCAP4)**

Cabinet were advised that the third iteration of the Cardiff Council hosted South-East Wales Capital (SEWSCAP) collaborative construction framework was due to end in June 2024. To maintain a compliant procurement route for building construction projects including schools for Local Authorities within South East Wales, there was a need to run a restricted tender process to appoint suitably qualified contractors onto the fourth iteration of SEWSCAP.

RESOLVED: that

1. Agreement in principle be given to the commencement of the re-procurement of the current South East Wales Collaborative Construction Framework; and
2. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Modernisation, to carry out all aspects of the procurement, (including finalising the lotting structure, setting the evaluation methodology, commencing procurement and award of successful contractors to the framework) and thereafter to host and deal with the operation of the framework arrangements, including any ancillary matters relating thereto.

104 **WELSH BUILDING SAFETY DEVELOPER LOAN SCHEME**

1. Following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower there has been significant activity undertaken by Welsh Government to identify fire safety issues in Welsh residential medium and high-rise buildings and they had now agreed a loan scheme in relation to buildings which have been built or refurbished in the 30 years prior to 5 April 2022 by a Participant Developer in Wales. Welsh Government had approached Cardiff Council to develop, operate, and administer the Loan scheme, to provide interest free loans for a period of up to 5 years, to eligible private developers in Wales to undertake fire remediation works in buildings of 11 metres or over. Cardiff Council was deemed best placed to undertake this role given that a significant number of the buildings likely to be in scope are within the city and it was preferable for developers to deal with one loan provider rather than dealing with multiple local authorities.

Cabinet were advised that the Council would be responsible for administering the provision of the loan fund only and would not be responsible for the detailed requirements of the Pact agreed between Welsh Government and the participating developers, or for the underpinning legal agreement, or for any role in determining whether works have been completed to required standards. There would not be any ongoing Cardiff Council liability in respect of any building and fire safety works undertaken with loan funding through the scheme.

RESOLVED: that

1. in principle approval be given that Cardiff Council will develop, operate, and administer a scheme, to provide interest free loans for a period of up to 5 years, to private developers in Wales, to undertake fire safety remediation work subject to satisfactory mitigation of any potential financial risk to Cardiff Council.
2. the Corporate Director, People & Communities be authorised to agree any details terms and conditions with Welsh Government in respect to the Scheme.
3. Delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director, People & Communities, in consultation with the Corporate Director Resources (S151 Officer), and the

Cabinet Members for Finance, Modernisation & Performance and for Housing & Communities to undertake due diligence to fully develop, implement and report on a loan scheme.

105 **CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE STRATEGY 2023-28**

The Cabinet received the draft Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2023-2028. The strategy built upon the achievements and progress of the 2018-22 strategy and continued to recognise that anyone (women, men, children and young people) can experience and be affected by VAWDASV. It sought to address violence and abuse directed towards women, men, girls and boys and violence and abuse perpetrated by men and women and had an implementation plan which sought to achieve the vision that 'People who live, work and visit Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan have the opportunity to live positive, independent lives without being affected by violence and abuse'. The strategy was also being considered by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and other public sector partners.

RESOLVED: that

1. the draft Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2023-2028 be approved
2. the finalisation of the strategy be delegated to the Director Adults, Housing and Communities in consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, following further stakeholder consultation.

106 **PASSENGER TRANSPORT PROCUREMENT**

The appendices to this report are exempt from publication pursuant to paragraph 14 and 16 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

Cabinet received a report seeking agreement to increase the value of delegation of the level of contracts to be allocated via the Dynamic Procurement System (DPS) from £49 million to a total value of £138.8 million for the full contract period from 2018-2029. The increase was required as a result of a range of existing and new service pressures as set out in the report. Cabinet were advised that all expenditure would remain within the agreed Council budgetary framework and a delegation was sought to undertake further procurement activity using the existing Passenger Transport DPS process that is already in place. Without this additional delegation authority, the Council would not be able to procure replacement contracts required to meet our statutory obligations.

RESOLVED: that

1. subject to the future budget allocation, approval be given to an increase of the value of contracts to be allocated via the DPS from £49 million to a total value of £138.8 million. This revised amount will cover the value of all new contracts allocated until the expiry date of the contracts up to 31st august 2029.
2. authority be delegated to the Director of Planning Transport and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet portfolio Members and directorate budget holders for Education, Childrens and Adults service, to procure and deliver contracts subject to budget being available.
3. Authority be delegated to the Director of Planning Transport and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet portfolio Members and Directorate budget holders for Education, Childrens and Adults service, to award single tender spot contracts outside of the passenger transport DPS up to £30m subject to budget being available for upcoming statutory taxi contracts. This amount covers the period that the contracts are potentially in place until 31st august 2029.
4. It be noted that if the budget requirement exceeds the current allocation available having considered the availability of external funding or in year efficiencies then this will need to be brought back to Cabinet for approval as part of the budget setting process.
5. It be noted that a further report be brought to Cabinet once further changes take place in the wider funding context such as changes to BES etc. are understood.

107 HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cabinet considered the Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP), which set out the council's proposals for the management of, and investment in, the highway, and associated assets. This included the Adopted public realm, Carriageways, Footways, Drainage, Intelligent Transport Systems, Street Furniture, Road Markings, Street Lighting and Structures. The HAMP was designed to ensure that highways funding is used in the most efficient and cost-effective way and was based upon the choices made by the Council in terms of the level of investment in the highway assets, what that investment will be directed at and the service standards that the users can expect.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the current state of the Highways Asset Management Plan - 3 (HAMP) be noted which will inform the Cabinet's recommendations to Council for the Revenue and Capital 2024/25 and Medium-Term budget setting process.
- (2) Approval be given to the expenditure of £2Million funding within 2023/24 budget against the carriageway asset as identified in this report to limit ongoing deterioration concerns relating to carriageways.