

**POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE - 29 NOVEMBER 2010**

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**Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee**

**Monday 29 November 2010 at 3 pm**

**Present:** Councillors Blair, Loughran (for Clocherty), McCabe, McKenzie and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor McCabe presided.

**In attendance:** Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources, Head of Regeneration & Planning, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Administration), Legal Services Manager (Conveyancing & Planning) and Corporate Communications Manager.

**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Sub-Committee.**

**705      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      705**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty with Councillor Loughran substituting.

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**706      Commissioning Workstream      706**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Organisational Improvement & Resources (1) providing an update on activity undertaken to date as part of the Commissioning Workstream, previously agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee and in turn the Alliance Board, and (2) seeking authority to tender and award contracts for the provision of services in a number of areas.

(Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

**Decided:**

(1) that the Sub-Committee note the progress made to date on activity undertaken as part of the Commissioning Workstream;

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to develop specifications through consultation with relevant officers, to invite tenders for the initial "inscope" services to the value of £4.1M and to maximise external funding opportunities;

(3) that a report on the tenders received be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee or, if the timescale requires it, a meeting of the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee for approval; and

(4) that it be agreed that ongoing funding for the Programme Monitoring Support Unit be provided from within the £4.1M for up to another 24 months.

**The Convener being of the opinion that the undernoted report by the Chief Executive was relevant, competent and urgent moved its consideration in terms of the relevant Standing Order to allow the Sub-Committee, if in agreement, to authorise the issuing of tenders without delay. This was agreed unanimously.**

**It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item on the grounds that the business involved the likely**

disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

**707 Hydroelectric Appraisal: Tendering Process**

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking authorisation to issue tenders to a restricted list of specialist consultants for the appraisal of potential hydroelectric schemes within Inverclyde.

**Decided:**

- (1) that, subject to the deletion of tenderer 2, approval be given to the issuing of tenders to the various specialist consultants listed in paragraph 4.3 of the report to carry out an appraisal of hydropower potential for Council owned sites and that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to take all appropriate action in connection therewith; and
- (2) that it be noted that a detailed report, as considered by the Corporate Management Team, will be submitted for consideration by the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee at its January 2011 meeting.