

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 5 November 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, I Miller, D Cuthbert, A Stewart (substituting for M Roberts) and W Wilson.

In Attendance: J Carney, S Crawford, D Littlejohn, B Renton and A Thomson (all The Environment Service); and C France, C Irons, H Rheinallt, G Taylor and L Whiteford (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance: J Duffy, Colliers International Property Consultants.

Apology: Councillor M Roberts.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. An apology for absence was submitted and noted as above.

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 20 August 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN COUNCIL BUILDINGS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/475) on the position for the period April –June 2014 with regard to energy consumption within the Council's property portfolio.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress by the Energy Management Team in reducing consumption and delivering energy saving projects to the Council estate be noted.
- (ii) Further information on energy management including biomass schemes be submitted to a future meeting.

5. ROWANBANK ANNEXE AND COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE, NEWTON TERRACE, BLAIRGOWRIE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/476) on the sale of Rowanbank Annexe and Community Learning Centre following an offer received at auction on 22 August 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The sale of Rowanbank annexe and Community Learning Centre, Newton Terrace, Blairgowrie at auction on 22 August 2014 for a sum of £114,000 be noted.
- (ii) A report be submitted to a future meeting of the Property Sub-Committee on the principle of selling property at auction.

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

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 19, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

P1. DEVELOPMENT OF THIMBLEROW SITE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/480) seeking approval to confirm Expresso Properties as the preferred bidder for the redevelopment of the land occupied by the Thimble Row and Paul Street Car Parks.

Resolved:

- (i) Negotiations with the preferred bidder be taken forward by Colliers International, acting on behalf of the Council, in respect of Option 1 as detailed in Report 14/480.
- (ii) The Depute Director (Environment) report back to the Sub-Committee with details of the proposed transaction and development agreement for approval.

J DUFFY LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

P2. ABERFELDY CARAVAN PARK, DUNKELD ROAD, ABERFELDY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/477) on the lease of Aberfeldy Caravan Park.

Resolved:

- (i) The lease of Aberfeldy Caravan Park be approved on the basis of the terms contained in report 14/477 and otherwise on terms to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services.
- (ii) Should the lease offer from the preferred bidder fail to conclude, the lease offer from the second highest bidder be pursued on terms contained in Report 14/477 and otherwise on terms to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services.

P3. ROSEBANK DEPOT, THE FEUS, AUCHTERARDER

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/478) seeking approval for the sale of the former roads depot at Rosebank, The Feus, Auchterarder.

Resolved:

- (i) The sale of Rosebank Depot, The Feus, Auchterarder be approved on the basis of the terms contained in Report 14/478 and otherwise on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Legal Services.
- (ii) In the event that the sale to the preferred bidder does not proceed, the property be remarketed.

P4. PLOTS 5 AND 6a, TWEED PLACE, BROXDEN BUSINESS PARK, PERTH – PROPOSED DISPOSAL

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

