

CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORT

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport, Councillor Linda Symes, at his meeting held on Thursday, 26 May 2016 at 9.00 am at the Conference Room B - Civic Offices

Present

Councillor Linda Symes (in the chair)

Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Stephen Morgan
Councillor Julie Swan

Officers Present

46. Apologies for absence (AI 1)

There were no apologies for absence.

47. Declarations of interest (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

48. Exclusion of Press and Public (AI 3)

Robert Parkin, Deputy City Solicitor advised members that the meeting could remain in open session however if members wished to discuss the content of the exempt appendix the meeting would need to move into exempt session.

RESOLVED that before there was any discussion on the exempt appendix, the meeting would move into exempt session.

49. Decision over delivery of Parks grounds maintenance service (North, East and South contracts) (AI 4)

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The report was introduced by Colette Hill, Assistant Director of Property and Housing (Environment).

The Cabinet member invited the spokespeople to ask questions on the report and as there was a question relating to the exempt appendix it was agreed to move into exempt session.

RESOLVED that under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government Act (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item on the grounds that the appendix to the report contains information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.

An update was given by officers on the number of staff.

The meeting was then moved back into open session.

In response to questions from members the following points were clarified:

- Officers had liaised with Havant, Gosport and Fareham councils regarding the running of their service as a comparison.
- Officers are keen to ensure social value elements are included in any future model.
- The TUPE transfer would bring the existing contract in house and officers do not anticipate there being a management capacity issue.

The opposition spokespeople were all very supportive of option A which would be for the grounds maintenance service to be delivered in house from 1 January 2017. The Cabinet Member summed up and said that she supported option A.

DECISION

That an in house team, delivered by the Property and Housing Management Team, will deliver grounds maintenance services to parks and open spaces in the north, east and south of Portsmouth from 1 January 2017.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 am.

Councillor Linda Symes
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport