

THE CABINET

Monday, 14 June 2010
(2:00 - 2:06 pm)

Present: Councillor L A Smith (Chair), Councillor R Gill (Deputy Chair), Councillor H J Collins, Councillor C Geddes, Councillor L A Reason, Councillor G M Vincent, Councillor P T Waker and Councillor J R White

Also Present: Councillor R Baldwin, Councillor E Keller and Councillor J E McDermott

Apologies: Councillor J L Alexander and Councillor M A McCarthy

16. Declaration of Members' Interests

Councillors Smith and Reason each declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of the Building Schools for the Future report (agenda item 3) as members of the Governing Bodies of Dagenham Park Church of England School and Trinity Special School respectively.

17. Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Appointment of Local Education Partnership (LEP) Selected Bidder

Further to Minute 15 of our last meeting, we have received a report from the Interim Corporate Director of Resources on the outcome of the evaluation of bids submitted by the two short-listed tenderers for the Local Education Partnership (LEP) element of the Council's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

The BSF programme is planned to result in the modernisation of all the Borough's secondary schools and also Trinity Special School through a mix of refurbishment and new build, funded via the Private Finance Initiative (PFI). Dagenham Park Church of England School (new build) and Sydney Russell Comprehensive School (refurbishment) were selected as the sample schools for the purposes of tendering and the two tenderers were asked to submit a standard bid and a mandatory variant bid, the latter to facilitate the request by the Governing Body of Dagenham Park Church of England School for an option to exclude "soft" facilities management services such as catering.

The Divisional Director of Strategic Asset Management and Capital Delivery confirmed that the tenders were submitted by the deadline of 9 June 2010 and the evaluation carried out in accordance with the pre-determined tender evaluation criteria. The Divisional Director also confirmed that both tenderers were scored separately for both their standard and mandatory variant bids. For each bidder the outcome was that the score for their standard bid was the same as their score for their mandatory variant bid, meaning that the inclusion, or not, of the soft services component does not influence the choice of Selected Bidder.

The evaluation results were presented to a meeting of the BSF Project Board held earlier today and the Board has recommended the appointment as Selected Bidder of the highest scoring bidder as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report. The

Divisional Director advised that further reports will be presented to the Cabinet in relation to the full financial details of both the LEP and ICT elements of the BSF programme prior to the entering into of any formal contractual arrangements.

Agreed, in order to assist the Council in achieving its Community Priorities “Inspired and Successful” and “Prosperous”, to:-

- (i) Note the results of the BSF LEP evaluation as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report (contained within the private and confidential section of the report);
- (ii) Endorse the recommendation of the BSF Project Board and approve the appointment of the highest scoring bidder named in Appendix 2 as the Selected Bidder; and
- (iii) Note that further reports will be presented to the Cabinet in respect of the draft Final Business Case for the LEP programme, which will include the result of discussions between the Council and the respective governing bodies of the two sample schools, before its submission to Partnerships for Schools and Infrastructure UK.

(The Chair agreed that this item could be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.)