

MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET COMMITTEE

2nd June, 2010

PRESENT: Councillors Cartwright, Blake and Edmonds.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED –

That Councillor Cartwright be elected Chairman of the Committee.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED –

That Councillor Edmonds be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

3. PRESENTATION ON INTERIOR DESIGN PACKAGE FOR AYLESBURY WATERSIDE THEATRE

Members received a presentation on the early proposals for an interior design package for the café and breakout areas within the Theatre.

It was proposed that the woodland/forest theme be continued via the use of curves and vibrant colours. Chairs in the café were to be of bright colours with bold reflective surfaces. Tables would match and have a lacquered/laminated surface. Breakout areas were to have soft furnishings covered with a “mossy” feel fabric.

Offices would continue the same colours and theme.

After considering various visualisations of the proposed scheme it was

RESOLVED –

(1) That the proposals be noted.

(2) That the final proposals be brought to this Committee prior to orders being placed.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

RESOLVED –

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:-

5. MAJOR PROJECTS CABINET COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT (PARAGRAPH 3).

(a) Programme Management Office

A proposal had been made to set up a Programme Management Office (PMO) to work on behalf of the Council to manage and lead the major projects for Aylesbury Vale District Council. Specifically the PMO was to co-ordinate the work on the Theatre, Waterside Retail, National Enterprise Academy, Aqua Vale refurbishments, Offices Phase 3 and all other related projects, such as proposals for the area north of Exchange Street and the relocation of the Aylesbury Canal Society.

In order to secure the services of the key resources required to operate the PMO for the Council, an Invitation to Quote (ITQ) had been issued via the Office of Government Commerce Buying Solutions Framework Agreement RM22.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the Committee approve in principal the appointment of the consulting group named in the report to operate the Programme Management Office, as set out in Section 4.1 of the report submitted, subject to further negotiations around the projected consultant fees/costs. The results of these negotiations to be brought back to this Committee for further deliberation prior to confirming the appointment.

(2) That the Committee approve the recommendation to Cabinet for the appointment of the consultants identified in Appendix B of the report submitted, to progress the retail and hotel developments, as described in Paragraph 4.2 of the report submitted.

(3) That subject to the satisfactory conclusions of negotiations, as per decision (1) above, the Head of the Programme Management Office, in conjunction with the Head of Legal and Estate Services, be authorised to conclude such agreements and other documentation as may be necessary, in order to give effect to the above.

It was further

RECOMMENDED –

That it be recommended to Cabinet that the requirement for the Council to follow the procedures laid down in Parts C and D of the Contract Procedure Rules be waived in relation to the procurement of the consultants identified in Appendix B, of the report, for the reasons shown in Paragraph 3.2 of the report submitted.

(b) Theatre

It was reported that good progress was still being made in all areas other than the back office space that was slightly behind schedule.

It was also reported that a stud wall on one side of the Cartwright Room blocked views over the foyer. Investigations were to be made to see if this could be replaced with a glass wall without incurring any delays to the completion date.

Agreement had been reached with Willmott Dixon on extra costs and with RHWL on the overall valuation.

Authorisation had previously been given for the Corporate Director (Services) to conclude these payments under delegated powers following consultation with the Leader of the Council. Negotiations with CHC were ongoing to bring about a conclusion regarding costs for remedial works to heat pump bore holes and the counter claims from AVDC.

(c) Highways

The design of the crossing on Exchange Street had been approved by BCC and was on track to be installed in time for the official opening of the Theatre.

(d) Ronnie Barker Statue

A visit to the foundry was planned for 14th July, 2010.

(e) Waitrose

It was reported that a business case was to be presented to the July meeting of Cabinet with, hopefully, a planning application submission at the end of July.

(f) National Enterprise Academy

Confirmation was given that there were no proposals from the new government to delete this project.

(g) Offices

Final costings were being negotiated with Morgan Ashurst.

RESOLVED –

That progress made in respect of the projects mentioned in the report be noted.