

EXECUTIVE

Tuesday 11 September 2018

Present:

Councillor Edwards (Chair)
Councillors Bialyk, Denham, Harvey, Leadbetter, Morse, Pearson and Sutton

Apologies:

Councillor Packham

Also present:

Director (BA), Director (DB), MRF Manager and Democratic Services Manager

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2018 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as correct.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were made.

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URGENT DECISION - MATERIAL RECLAMATION FACILITY

The Director (DB) advised Members on the urgent decision to allocate £15,000 of capital funding to install four CCTV cameras and an intruder alarm in the Material Reclamation Facility (MRF) building. The operation of the MRF was regulated by the Environment Agency (EA). The EA had advised the Council that improvements were needed to its fire prevention measures and that the Council's permit to operate was dependent on these measures.

This decision had been made by the Director (DB) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Place and Commercialisation and the Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee.

In response to a Member, the Director clarified that the Control Centre would undertake the surveillance.

The urgent decision was noted.

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GREATER EXETER STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Leader advised that in light of the decision taken by East Devon District Council the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) would be withdrawn to enable further work to be undertaken on the GESP.

RESOLVED that the report be withdrawn.

FREEDOM OF THE CITY

The Democratic Services Manager presented the report setting out a proposal to offer the Freedom of the City to:-

- Sir Steve Smith in recognition of his outstanding service to the City of Exeter, during his period as Vice Chancellor of the University of Exeter; and
- Dr Todd Gray in recognition of his passionate interest in Exeter's historic buildings and his concern for their continued preservation.

Members were advised that the way in which such nominations were considered by the Council had been changed earlier this year, whereby an Assessment Panel now sat to consider the written submissions received.

Members supported the nominations.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

- (1) the title of Honorary Freeman of the City Status be conferred on Sir Steve Smith and Dr Todd Gray; and
- (2) the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor be requested to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on the rising of the Ordinary Meeting on 16 October 2018, for the purpose of passing the appropriate resolution under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

MATERIALS RECLAMATION FACILITY INVESTMENT

The Director (DB) presented the report which discussed the reasons for investment in the Materials Reclamation Facility (MRF), and proposed options for increasing income and reducing costs.

In response to Members' questions, the MRF Manager commented that the options would look to take advantage of advances in technology.

Members supported the benchmarking exercise.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the comparison of the five options considered in sections 14 – 17 of the circulated report be noted, and the preparation of a full business case for capital investment in improvements to the storage and sorting of recycling at the MRF be supported; and
- (2) the allocation of £10,000 to carry out a benchmarking exercise to compare the Councils current service against a kerbside-sort recycling scheme as outlined in Option 4 in Sections 17 and 18 of the circulated report be supported.

(The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and closed at 5.49 pm)

Chair

The decisions indicated will normally come into force 5 working days after publication of the Statement of Decisions unless called in by a Scrutiny Committee. Where the matter in question is urgent, the decision will come into force immediately. Decisions regarding the policy framework or corporate objectives or otherwise outside the remit of the Executive will be considered by Council on 16 October 2018.

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