

AGENDA ITEM 8

POLICY, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

12 FEBRUARY 2014

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

PARKSIDE UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress and developments at Parkside.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:-

- a) Members note the updated financial position relating to Parkside attached as an exempt item at Appendix A;
- b) Members note the update on the retention and snags in Paragraph 3.2.
- c) Members note the update on the audio systems in the Civic Suite in Paragraph 3.3.
- d) Members consider the Project Mandate at Appendix B in respect of the Working dogs sculpture project and indicate their preferred next steps. . Members note the end of project report and make a formal recommendation to Full Council that the Council Business Development Committee is disbanded as its work is complete.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Finance

The high level financial summary for Parkside is attached as an exempt item at Appendix A.

3.2 Retention monies, outstanding snags and Section 278 works

The Council had £82,500 of retention monies from the Hallam contract sum, to date £38,000 has been spent or committed to address snags. This leaves a remaining balance of £44,500. New snags are being discovered over time and the remaining funds will be used to address these and other outstanding snags.

Various lighting issues (internal and external) have arisen in relation to lamps and fittings. .The lighting controls are high-tech and a specialist facilities management company has inspected the lighting system and been commissioned to write a full report identifying the issues and setting out a range of options for remedying any faults and improving the systems.

A list of the outstanding snags is available upon request.

Some remedial works to the carriageway will be undertaken in mid February 2014 and savings will be achieved as the works are part of the re-surfacing works at Burton Street. The pedestrian refuge works are not part of the s 278 works and these will be carried out in March 2014.

3.3 Audio systems in the Civic Suite

There are two audio systems in the civic suite, the televic stand alone system with speakers that are on delegates desks and the wired speakers in the ceiling. Advice has been sought from three specialist audio visual companies with regard to the P.A systems in the Civic. Each company concluded that the systems are both sound and advice has been given on how to optimise the systems. In addition the Council will purchase mobile speakers to be located in the Ferneley Room, to improve the sound system for larger meetings when all three rooms are fully occupied. The design of the sound system did not cover the Ferneley Room and the purchase of the necessary speakers will be funded from the retention monies.

3.4 Dogs sculpture

The German Shepherd working dog sculpture is installed Members are requested to consider the project mandate attached as Appendix B and provide any comments regarding it and the next stage for this project

3.5 End of Project Report

The Council Business Development Committee had its final meeting in November 2013 and it is recommended that this committee makes a formal recommendation to Full Council that it is disbanded as its work is now complete. An end of Project Report is attached at Appendix C for members consideration. The end of project report identifies areas where the project has been successful and also lessons learnt

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no further policy and corporate implications arising from this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The financial implications for the Parkside project are set out in Appendix A.

5.2 At the Strategic Planning Away Day members proposed that £20k be included in the capital programme for the provision of 2 further dog sculptures subject to the approval of the mandate by this committee at this meeting. The funding to be £10k from Council capital receipts and £10k from external funding. This proposal was formally considered at the Full Council meeting when the budget including the capital programme was formally considered.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no further legal implications arising from this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 The Section 278 Works managed by Leicestershire County Council will entail installation of a pedestrian refuge island for pedestrians at the junction of Station Approach and Burton Street this will enhance community safety.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Access issues at Parkside are regularly reviewed.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 These have been covered in associated reports as they progress through the decision making process.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 Parkside achieved an Energy Performance Certificate rating of B. It did not achieve the BREEAM rating of Very Good and Members at Council Business Development committee accepted that pursuing this rating was not considered the best use of resources.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Parkside has a wide range of stakeholders and consultation takes place between relevant stakeholders on a regular basis. Consultation on the project has been covered in the end of project report. Anything on dogs as per mandate

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees all wards are affected by Parkside.

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Appendices: Appendix A –Summary Financial Schedule – Exempt Item at Appendix A
Appendix B – Project Mandate for additional sculptures at Parkside
Appendix C – Parkside End of Project Report

Background Papers:

Reference: X: Ctte,Council & SubCttes/PFA/2013-14/12-2-14/DB-Parkside Update