

Committee Minutes

Finance and Resources Committee

Edinburgh, 31 July 2012

Present:- Councillors Rankin (Convener), Bill Cook (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Balfour (substituting for Councillor Whyte), Corbett, Dixon, Gardner (substituting for Councillor Blacklock), Griffiths, Ricky Henderson, Heslop, Keil (substituting for Councillor Walker), McVey, and Ross.

Also Present: Lord Provost Wilson (Item 27) and Councillor Lunn (Item 22)

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 20 March 2012 as a correct record.

2 82 Canongate – Proposed Lease of Shop

(a) Deputation – Remade in Edinburgh

The Deputation advised that the organisation had been established last year to create a re-use and repair centre in South/Central Edinburgh. It currently had over 500 supporters and 30 volunteers. The project offered many benefits with the emphasis on repair and raised awareness of current waste issues. The Council had previously agreed to help the organisation in its search for suitable premises. The premises at Canongate had the most suitable layout and was in a central location which was very important for their needs. There was huge support for the project from the local community.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to stay for the debate on the matter (see item 2b)

(Reference – e-mail request, submitted.)

(b) Report by the Director of Services for Communities

Authority was sought to grant a 20 year lease of the property at 82 Canongate to Huseyin Kulhas at a rental of £18,200 per annum with rent reviews to open market rent every five years.

Motion

To continue consideration of the matter to the meeting of the Committee on 25 September 2012 to allow Remade in Edinburgh to:

- 1) explore sources of funding; and
- 2) develop a business plan.

- moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Bill Cook

Amendment

To approve a 20 year lease of the premises at 82 Canongate to Huseyin Kulhas on the terms and conditions contained in the report and on other such terms and conditions to be agreed by the Director of Services for Communities and the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services.

- moved by Councillor Balfour, seconded by Councillor Heslop

Voting

For the motion	-	11 votes
For the Amendment	-	2 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Rankin

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, 31 July 2012, submitted.)

3 Leith Improvement Programme

(a) Deputation – Greener Leith

The deputation advised that public perception had been that this was an opportunity to do something constructive about the public realm in Leith and to future proof the Leith Walk/Constitution Street. However, there had been no time given for local residents to put their ideas forward. It was not

considered best value to return to how it had been in 2008 and then come back to carry out further work. The deputation welcomed the investment and requested that good quality cycle lanes be built in as part of the Improvement Programme and that regular updates on progress be provided.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to stay for the debate on the matter (see item 3b).

(Reference – e-mail request, tabled.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Gardner declared a non-financial interest in the above item as he had been invited to join Greener Leith.

(b) Report by the Director of Services for Communities

An outline was provided of the street improvements to the tram route along Leith Walk and Constitution Street and details of how the public utility works, carriageway resurfacing, footway and environmental improvements and artworks would be delivered. Approval was sought to award the tender for public utility works to this route.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To accept the tender in the sum of £683,873.87 submitted by McNicholas Construction (Holdings) Ltd and confirm their appointment for the public utility works.
- 3) To agree a budget of £2.3m for environmental improvements, funded from within the Tram budget.
- 4) To agree that the prioritising of environmental improvements and phasing of works would be progressed taking account of stakeholder views.
- 5) The Director of Services for Communities to ensure that the design team assesses a full range of options to give increased priority for cyclists, including dedicated and mixed use lanes, to complement the proposals of the Active Travel Plan.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

4 Appointments to Joint Consultative Group, Smart City and ICT Partnership Sounding Board and the Property Conservation – Cross Party Sounding Board

The Committee was invited to appoint the membership of the Joint Consultative Group, Smart City and ICT Partnership Sounding Board and the Property Conservation Cross Party Sounding Board.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the political balance should be:

Joint Consultative Group – six members – 2 Lab, 2 SNP, 1 Con and 1 Green

ICT Partnership Sounding Board – nine members – 3 Lab, 3 SNP, 2 Con and 1 Green

The Property Conservation – Cross Party Sounding Board – ten members – 3 Lab, 3 SNP, 2 Con, 1 Green and 1 SLD

- 2) To agree that the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services make the appropriate arrangements to invite nominations from the political groups. Details of the nominations have been appended to this minute (*appendix to follow*)
- 3) To note that these would be interim appointments, pending the outcome of the governance review agreed at Council on 24 May 2012.

(Reference - report by the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services, submitted.)

5 Revenue Monitoring 2011/12 – Outturn Report

Details were provided of the overall position of the Council's revenue budget at the year end, based on the unaudited financial statements.

The unaudited outturn showed an underspend of £0.361m. The principal reasons for the variations in outturn were detailed and information was given on the contributions to and from the General Fund during 2011/12. This was the third successive year that all departments within the Council had spent within their revenue budgets.

Approval was sought for the surplus of £3.514m that had been set aside in the renewal and repairs fund to be used to support Services for Communities Internal Improvement Programme and the remainder to fund the 21st Century Homes programme.

Decision

- 1) To note the report and the favourable revenue outturn position for the year ended 31 March 2012.
- 2) To refer the report to Council to approve:
 - a) the set aside of the surpluses as detailed in 3.2 of the report; and
 - b) the use of £1.1m from the Council Priorities Fund for school maintenance works and up to £0.8m from the Insurance Fund for the replacement roof at Kaimes School.
- 3) To note the contributions to and from the General Fund as detailed in the report.
- 4) To note that the Housing Revenue Account made a surplus of £3.514m, that had been set aside in the renewal and repairs fund and approve that this be earmarked to support Services for Communities internal improvement programmes and the 21st Century Homes programme.
- 5) To refer the report to the Audit Committee as part of its workplan.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

6 Capital Monitoring 2011/12 – Outturn, Slippage and Receipts

The Committee was provided with the final outturn on the Council's Capital Programme for 2011/12, including details of capital receipts and slippage and acceleration on projects within the Capital Investment Programme. Details were also provided of the revised Capital Programme for 2012/16 incorporating the carry forward position for 2011/12. The final outturn position showed a reduced borrowing requirement of £23.188m, less than budget which was due to slippage in the programme offset to an extent by a shortfall in capital receipts.

The current climate has had a significant impact on the realisation of capital receipts.

Decision

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- 1) To note the 2011/12 final unaudited capital positions on the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account.
- 2) To approve the revised Capital Programme for 2012/16.
- 3) To note that the Corporate Asset Management Group had been requested to review reasons for capital slippage and to consider possible project acceleration where slippage was identified in 2012/13.
- 4) To refer the report to the Audit Committee as part of its work programme.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

7 Revenue Monitoring 2012/13 – Month Three Position

Details were given of the overall position of the Council's revenue budget at the three month position and the projected outturn for the year.

Decision

To note:

- a) the projected deficit of £1m on the revenue monitoring at month two;
- b) that the corporate areas of the budget would be reviewed to identify savings/additional income to offset this deficit and that these measures would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in the half-year monitoring report;
- c) that budget pressures and key financial risks were being actively managed by all directorates;
- d) that the implementation of all approved 2012/13 budget savings was being monitored and progress would be reported separately to the Finance and Resources Committee in due course; and
- e) that the report would be referred to the Audit Committee as part of its workplan.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

8 Capital Monitoring 2012/13 – Month Three Position

Details were given of the month three capital expenditure monitoring position and the projected outturn for the year.

Decision

To note:

- a) the projected capital outturn positions on the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account at month two;
- b) the prudential indicators at month two;
- c) that the Corporate Asset Management Group had been requested to review reasons for capital slippage and to consider possible project acceleration where slippage emerged in 2012/13; and
- d) that the Director of Services for Communities was closely monitoring the capital receipts position.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

9 Common Good Annual Performance

The Committee had agreed to receive an annual report on the performance of the Common Good Fund. Details were provided of the outturn for the financial year 2011/12, the performance of cash investments and progress on the review of the property assets of the Fund.

Decision

- 1) To note the unaudited Common Good financial statements for 2011/12.
- 2) That the annual report for 2012/13 would address the best use of common good assets to maximise best value.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

10 Savings Monitoring 2011/12 – Final Position

The decisions taken by the Council at its meeting on 10 February 2011 included savings of £28.6m towards balancing the financial position in 2011/12. Regular update reports on the monitoring of the budget savings had been made to the Corporate Management Team and the Finance and Resources Committee throughout 2011/12. Details were provided of the final position of the approved savings.

Decision

To note:

- 1) the successful delivery of the majority of the 2011/12 budget savings;
- 2) the savings that would be carried forward to 2012/13; and
- 3) that further reports would be made in due course on the 2012/13 budget savings.

(References – Act of Council No 3, 10 February 2011; report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

11 Corporate Procurement Transformation Project – Update

The Committee at its meeting on 20 March 2012 had agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Governance to negotiate and enter into a contract on the material terms set out in his report on the Corporate Procurement Transformation Project as soon as possible with the outcome reported to the July meeting of the Committee.

An update was provided on the project and the award of contract to Mott MacDonald Limited.

Decision

To note that:

- 1) Mott MacDonald Limited had been awarded the contract on the terms summarised in section 2 of the report and commenced work on the Corporate Procurement Transformation Project on 2 May 2012; and
- 2) a six monthly report to update on progress and performance would be provided to the Committee at its meeting on 25 September 2012.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 20 March 2012 (Item 14); report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

12 Term Contract for the Supply of Temporary Agency Staff

Approval of the Committee was sought to award a term contract for the appointment of a managed service provider to supply temporary agency staff with effect from 1 October 2012. Details were given of the tendering and tender evaluation processes undertaken.

Decision

- 1) To award a term contract for the appointment of a managed service provider to supply temporary agency staff to the Adecco Group for a

period of three years with an option to extend for a further one year until 30 September 2016.

- 2) That on the introduction by the Council of a policy on Living Wage rates for its employees the contract for temporary agency staff would also be examined.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

13 Contract for the Management of the Council-Owned Record Service Centre

Approval of the Committee was sought for the award of a contact for the provision of services for the management of the Council-Owned Record Service Centre at the Murrayburn site with effect from August 2012. Details were provided of the tendering and tender evaluation processes undertaken.

Decision

To authorise the award of a contract for the management of the Council-Owned Record Service Centre to Iron Mountain for a period of six years (with an optional two years plus one year extension) from 1 August 2012 to 31 July 2018.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

14 Stair Cleaning to Domestic Properties

Approval of the Committee was sought to award a framework contract for the provision of the citywide stair cleaning service to domestic properties. The contract would operate for a period of two years from September 2012 to 2014 with the option to extend for up to a further twenty-four months. Details were provided of the tendering and tender evaluation processes undertaken.

Decision

- 1) To approve the award of a two plus two year contract for stair cleaning to ISS Facility Services (ranked first), Sercon Support Services (ranked second) and Resource UK Ltd (ranked third) as providers on the framework agreement.
- 2) That the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee receive a report within two cycles on the method of collecting payments for stair cleaning undertaken.

(Reference – joint report by the Director of Corporate Governance and the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

15 Mobile Telecommunications

Following tendering and evaluation of the tendering process for the provision of mobile telecommunications, in terms of Standing Order 63, the Director of Corporate Governance in consultation with the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee had awarded the contract to Telefonica 02 for a period of four years.

Decision

To note that in terms of Standing Order 63 a contract had been awarded to Telefonica 02 as detailed in the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

16 Framework Agreement for Furniture Removals and Storage

Approval was sought for the appointment of a two lot multi-supplier framework agreement for furniture removals and storage. Details were provided of the tendering and tender evaluation processes.

Decision

To approve the following appointment, for a period of four years, of a framework agreement for furniture removals and storage :

- a) **Lot One**
 - Doree Bonner International (preferred contractor)
 - Harrow Green Group (second contractor)
 - Bishops Move (third contractor)

- b) **Lot Two**
 - Doree Bonner International (preferred contractor)
 - Kerrs Removals (second contractor)
 - Richard Healey Removals Limited (third contractor)

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

17 Development of Affordable Homes through the National Housing Trust and On Lending to Registered Social Landlords

The Committee at its meeting on 17 January 2012 had agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Governance and the Director of Services for Communities regarding acceptance of the terms of a Scottish Government

guarantee and to commence the process to select Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and development sites for the On Lending project.

An update was given on the development of affordable homes through the National Housing Trust (NHT) and by the Council's On Lending initiative.

Approval was sought for £10,077,500 of approved Council borrowing, not required for NHT projects to be made available for On Lending to RSLs.

Decision

- 1) To note that 422 National Housing Trust homes were under construction on four sites in the city;
- 2) to agree that £0.5m of Affordable Housing Supply Programme funding be set aside as a contingency for the Council's borrowing for the On Lending project, subject to the agreement of the Director of Corporate Governance and the Director of Services for Communities;
- 3) to agree that £10,077,500 of approved borrowing that was not required for the National Housing Trust be used to support On Lending to Registered Social Landlords for development of mid rent homes; and
- 4) to agree to receive a report on the outcome of the selection process for the On Lending project within six months of receiving the necessary consents from the Scottish Government.
- 5) That a report be submitted to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on the Council's mid-rent policy.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 17 January 2012 (Item 17); joint report by the Director of Corporate Governance and the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

18 21st Century Homes for Edinburgh – Appointment of Contractor for Greendykes Phase C

Approval of the Committee was sought to award a contract to build 60 new affordable homes at the Greendykes Phase C site as part of the 21st Century Homes for Edinburgh Programme.

Decision

To approve the appointment of Harts (Edinburgh) Ltd as the contractor to build 60 affordable homes on the Greendykes Phase C development as part of the 21st Century Homes for Edinburgh Programme.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

19 Development Funding Grant Offer – Delegated Authority

It was anticipated that the Council would receive a Development Funding Grant Offer of £24.094m from the Scottish Government to support the delivery of new supply affordable homes in the city, through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme.

Decision

- 1) To delegate authority to the Director of Services for Communities, to accept the Development Funding Grant Offers for 2012/13 from the Scottish Government; and
- 2) To note that delegated authority in relation to grant offers would be considered during the ongoing review of the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

20 Private Sector Leasing Rent Arrears

Decision

- 1) To approve the write-off of £398,162.08 of former Private Sector Leasing contract rent arrears for 2005/2010.
- 2) To note that written off debt would continue to be pursued for payment.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

21 Former Tenants Rent Arrears 2011/12

Decision

- 1) To approve the write-off of £350,293 of former tenants' arrears for 2011/12.
- 2) To note that written off debt would continue to be pursued by the department.
- 3) That a report be submitted to the Health, Housing and Social Care Committee on how the introduction of pre-action requirements for rent arrears would impact on the Council's rent collection for council houses.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

22 Disposal of Land at Restalrig Crescent, Edinburgh

Decision

- 1) To approve the sale of the site to L'Arche by private sale at market value.
- 2) To grant delegated authority to the Director of Services for Communities to agree detailed terms and conditions of the sale with L'Arche, in conjunction with the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services, all in line with Standing Orders of the Council.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

23 Hyvots Regeneration: Hyvots 7 Land Transaction

Decision

- 1) To approve the disposal of an area of Housing Revenue Account land known as Hyvots 7 (the site) for a capital receipt and amend the decision of the Finance and Resources Committee on 11 November 2008 to accept a nil receipt to reflect this; and
- 2) delegate authority to the Director of Services for Communities to negotiate and conclude the sale of this site, including authority to instruct the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services to settle the conveyancing formalities associated with the sale.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

24 Delegated Authority for the Appointment of a Building Contractor – Refurbishment of the New Dedicated Gaelic Primary and Nursery School

The Council at its meeting on 27 October 2011 had agreed to refurbish the former Bonnington Primary School for dedicated use as a Gaelic Primary and Nursery School. Scottish Government approval was received on 1 December 2011 and planning and listed building consent was granted on 5 April 2012.

Construction works were planned to start in September 2012 with a target construction completion and fit-out prior to the start of term in August 2013. In order to achieve a site start at the beginning of September the contract award process would have to be completed as soon as possible. Approval of was

therefore sought to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Families and the Director of Services for Communities to enter into a contract on behalf of the Council for these works, subject to the contract sum being within budget. The total project budget including fees was £3.53m with a commitment from the Scottish Government of £1.8m funding towards the capital costs of the project. The remaining £1.73m would be funded through prudential borrowing, part of which had also been supported by the Scottish Government.

Decision

To delegate authority to the Director of Children and Families and the Director of Services for Communities to accept a tender and enter into a contract on behalf of the Council for the refurbishment of the former Bonnington Primary School as a dedicated Gaelic Primary and Nursery School on the basis that the respective contract sum was within the budget allowance for the project.

(References – Act of Council No 16, 27 October 2011; joint report by the Director of Children and Families and the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

25 Wellington School Penicuik – Sale of Land at Springfield Road

Decision

To approve the sale of a drainage ditch and adjoining strip of land at Springfield Road, near Penicuik, to Mr Brown and Ms Borthwick, owners of Springfield Farm, at a nominal sum of £1, subject to the Council reserving appropriate rights of access to adjoining land still in the Council's ownership.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

26 Bishops Close, 122-133 High Street, Edinburgh – Proposed Sale of Land

Decision

To approve the sale of the area of land extending to 6.64 sq.m (71.47 sq.ft) or thereby at Bishop's Close to 123 High Street LLP on the main terms and conditions detailed in the report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Director of Services for Communities and the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

27 Wester Hailes Health Living Centre

At its meeting on 20 March 2012 the Committee agreed to request a report on a motion by Councillor Wilson regarding the development of access between the new-build Wester Hailes Living Centre and the Westside Plaza Shopping Centre.

Details were provided of the progress in developing the Centre and on safety concerns raised by the local Neighbourhood Partnerships regarding the design of the underpass linking the Centre with the Westside Plaza. The partnerships were of the view that a straight ramp would be a more satisfactory solution.

The costs associated with a revised underpass scheme would be dependent on the outcome of discussion with AWG Property Ltd and the resulting design with early estimates indicating an additional capital cost of circa £600k. This cost could not be contained within the current approved budget. The cost of funding this level of expenditure through prudential borrowing would be £51k per annum and agreement would require to be reached by the parties occupying the facility on arrangements to apportion such a cost.

Lord Provost Wilson was heard.

Decision

- 1) To approve the suspension of works to the original underpass scheme and the development of feasibility designs for alternative options.
- 2) To approve the additional capital budget noting that an additional £600k would need to be funded by prudential borrowing requiring revenue funding of £51k per annum jointly by the occupying services and if agreement could not be reached, or the preferred option exceeded the budget estimate, a further report would be submitted to the Committee.
- 3) To refer the report to Council for approval of prudential borrowing on the basis that the occupying services identify a revenue budget to meet the £51k annual ongoing costs.
- 4) To note that the occupying services would also provide ongoing annual revenue funding of £10k to fund the lease of the 20 car parking spaces required to construct the underpass.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

28 Lease Details etc – Quarterly Report

Decision

To note that 61 transactions as detailed in the report had been concluded in terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation of Chief Officials,

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Keil declared a non-financial interest in the above item (ref 13.20780) as Chair of the Clermiston and Drumbrae Children's Gala Committee.

29 10 Lauriston Street – Proposed Lease of Shop

Decision

To approve a new ten year lease of the premises at 10 Lauriston Street to Cost Less Computers Ltd on the terms and conditions contained in the report and on other such terms and conditions to be agreed by the Director of Services for Communities and the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

30 6A West Shore Road, Granton – Proposed Lease of Site

Decision

To approve a new lease of a site at 6A West Shore Road, Edinburgh to City Roofing (Edinburgh) Limited, on the terms and conditions detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

31 24 – 26 West Harbour Road, Granton – Proposed Lease/Disposal of Property

Decision

To approve a new lease of 24 – 26 West Harbour Road, Edinburgh, to Cornerstone Developments Limited, on the terms and conditions detailed in

paragraph 3 of the report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed with the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

32 Hazelbank Quarry – 21 Year Lease

Decision

To note the decision taken by the Director of Services for Communities and the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee, under delegated powers, that the City of Edinburgh Council would align with the three other owning ex-Lothian Councils and enter into a 21 year lease with Aggregate Industries UK Ltd for Hazelbank Quarry.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

33 Lauriston Place/Teviot Place, Edinburgh – Proposed 315mm Diameter Gas Mains Replacement

Decision

To approve the proposed gas main replacement works and the preparation of a Deed of Servitude over the land at Middle Meadow Walk on the terms and conditions detailed in the report and on other such terms and conditions to be agreed by the Director of Services for Communities and the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

34 Phase 1 Ratho Park, Edinburgh – Proposed Lease Renewal

Decision

- 1) To approve a ten year lease renewal of part of the ground floor of Phase 1 Ratho Park to MS Society Nominees Ltd on a full repairing and insuring lease incorporating a tenant break option at year five, subject to a rental penalty and an open market rent review at year five, and on such other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Director of Services for Communities and the Acting Head of Legal and Administrative Services.
- 2) To approve capital expenditure to a maximum of £20,000 to provide suitable air-conditioning installation.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

35 Long Leases (Scotland) Bill – Update

An update was provided on the progress of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill in relation to the Council's ownership of Princes Mall Shopping Centre.

Following meetings with, and submission to, the Scottish Parliament a late amendment had been made to the Bill prior to its final debate which meant that the lease of Princes Mall would be excluded from the scope of the legislation. The property would therefore remain in Council ownership, subject to the lease to its current tenant that would expire in 2188.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill had now been passed by the Scottish Parliament and that Princes Mall would not fall within the scope of the Act and would remain in Council ownership.
- 2) To record the Committee's appreciation of the role played by Alison Johnstone MSP in the amendments made to the original Bill.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

36 Use of New Investment Models to deliver Affordable Homes on Council Land

The Health, Social Care and Housing Committee at its meeting on 19 June 2012 had considered a report on how new investment models for affordable housing could assist the Council to deliver more homes, create jobs and support other capital investment priorities for the Council. As part of its decision the Committee agreed to refer the report to the Finance and Resources Committee for information.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Health, Social Care and Health Committee, 19 June 2012 (item 14); report by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee, submitted.)

37 Property Investigation

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The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business for the reason that they involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

a) Financial Update

An update was provided on certain financial issues related to the Property Investigation.

Decision

To continue consideration of the matter to a special meeting of the Committee to be held within one month.

b) Exclusion of Contractors

Details were provided regarding the status of Council and Police investigations in relation to certain building contractors, and directors or other senior individuals associated with them, as part of the wider Property Services Investigations.

Motion

- 1) To continue consideration of the matter to a special meeting of the Committee to be held within one month.
- 2) That contractors A and D remain suspended.
- 3) That contractors B, C and E be re-instated.

- moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Bill Cook

Amendment

- 1) To continue consideration of the matter to a special meeting of the Committee to be held within one month.
- 2) That all the contractors remain suspended for four weeks pending consideration of a further report.

- moved by Councillor Balfour, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

Voting

The voting was as follows:

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For the motion	-	9 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Rankin.

(Reference – reports by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)