

## **STIRLING COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE held as a VIRTUAL MEETING via MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2021 at 10.00 am**

### **Present**

Councillor Jim THOMSON (Convener)

Councillor Alistair BERRILL (Substitute)	Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON
Councillor Martin EARL	Councillor Alastair MAJURY
Councillor Danny GIBSON	Councillor Alasdair TOLLEMACHE
Councillor Graham HOUSTON	

### **In Attendance**

Charlie Haggerty, Legal Manager  
Richard Hayes, Land Services Manager  
Mark Henderson, Media Officer  
David Hopper, Public Transport & Sustainable Development Manager  
Drew Leslie, Senior Manager - Infrastructure  
Isabel McKnight, Chief Operating Officer - Communities & Performance  
Kirsty McLeod, Fleet Manager  
Simon Payne, Category Manager  
Bruce Reekie, Senior Manager - Environment & Place  
Brian Richardson, Finance Business Partner  
Brian Roberts, Chief Operating Officer - Infrastructure & Environment  
Kayleigh Webster, Project Manager  
Sheila McLean, Governance Officer (Clerk)  
Fraser Sinclair, Support Officer (Minute)

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor Thomson as Convener of the Environment & Housing Committee welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting via MS Teams. He updated the meeting on the procedures related to MS Teams and the protocols that both Members and Officers should adhere to throughout the meeting.

The Convener asked the Clerk to carry out a roll call of all Members participating in the meeting.

### **EH285 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jane Hutchison and Councillor Susan McGill. Councillor Alastair Berrill was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Hutchison.

## **EH286 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **EH287 CONSTRUCTION OF WALK, CYCLE, LIVE STIRLING TENDER ACCEPTANCE / CONTRACT AWARD**

The Service Manager introduced a report by the Senior Manager - Infrastructure, which presented the Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling (WCLS) Tender Acceptance/Contract Award for Committee approval.

A Member asked whether there was a maintenance budget in place for this construction project once implemented. The officer advised that discussions had taken place regarding the infrastructure of this project and ongoing maintenance budgets would need to be factored in for ongoing remedial works to the new cycle ways. The Chief Operating Officer – Infrastructure & Environment confirmed that this would be a part of the Council's budget, and would be adopted as a part of the overall road and footway network.

In response to question on future local projects, the Service Manager confirmed that a suite of prioritised projects was being developed and the service would engage with Elected Members.

The Service Manager confirmed that concerns of communities were being addressed and continued dialogue would take place with those affected.

In response to a question regarding the Dunblane cycle network, the Service Manager advised that procurement for the land was progressing and it was hoped that works would commence in 2024.

Members asked for details of the WCLS consultation while construction was taking place. The Service Manager confirmed that consultation had concluded, but the service would continue to engage with communities throughout the project.

### **Decision**

The Environment & Housing Committee agreed to:

1. approve the award of the Contract to the recommended supplier based on their offer being deemed the most economically advantageous tender following evaluation. Details of the recommended supplier and the tender offer were contained at Appendix 1 to the submitted Report; and
2. note that Stirling Council Roads & Land Operations would undertake the two further sections of construction under a separate work package valued at £1.2m.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Infrastructure, dated 7 December 2021, submitted).

## **EH288 REPLACEMENT OF REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES**

The Fleet Services Manager introduced a report by the Senior Manager – Environment & Place which sought Committee approval for the award of the contract for the supply of replacement refuse collection vehicles.

Committee was advised that the current contract had been extended to cover the lead-in period for the new refuse collection vehicles to be delivered to the Council.

Members sought an assurance that the vehicles being procured would meet areas of Stirling where routes and roadways had access restrictions. Officers advised that the service was comfortable with the balance of different sizes of vehicles.

The contract was a five year lease deal and viability of alternative electric fleet would be explored as supporting infrastructure was put in place over time. The service was in contact with other Local Authorities to look at hydrogen options and studies to see what could be implemented in the future.

In response to a question about the extension to the current contract and how the extension cost compared with the hire company costs, officers confirmed that the rates the Council currently paid would be the same rate with the hire company.

Committee noted the recent Scottish Government announcement regarding the Deposit Return Scheme which was due to go live in 2023. Officers confirmed that the service would engage with Elected Members on this issue in the future.

A Member sought assurance that the new fleet would have flexibility to cope with any future decision to change collection cycles. Officers confirmed that the proposals were designed around the existing refuse programme, but that if collection frequencies were to change, the service would look at retaining the vehicles as well as considering additional hires.

A Member indicated that he wished to ask questions on the Appendix, which contained exempt information.

At this point, the Committee resolved that under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

*Recording paused.*

Officers responded to a number of questions from Members regarding information contained within the Appendix.

*Recording started.*

The meeting resumed in public session with the same Members present.

## **Decision**

The Environment & Housing Committee agreed to:

1. approve the award of this contract as set out in the Award Recommendation Report (ARR) at Appendix 1 – ARR SC2021-0078 – Refuse Collection Vehicles;
2. note the extension of the current contract with Riverside Truck Rentals Ltd up to the value of up to £329,000 for a maximum 12 month period from September 2021 to September 2022;
3. note that the contract extension may be shorter and the value of the extension lower if the lead in time for the provision of the new vehicles is brought forward; and
4. note that the costs for the contract extension would be met from existing waste service revenue budget and there was no requirement for new budget to be allocated.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager, Environment & Place, dated 8 December 2021, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 10.45 am