

## URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 - Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor McCaig, Convener; and Councillors Allan, Crockett, Dean, Dunbar, Farquharson, Kiddie, Malone, May, John Stewart, Kevin Stewart (substituting for Councillor John West), Young and Yuill.

Also in attendance:- Lord Provost Peter Stephen (ex officio).

### **DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

1. In terms of Standing Order 28(3)(vi), and in accordance with Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was informed that it had to determine (1) that the item on the agenda was of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the item and take a decision thereon.

Councillor Young moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Crockett:-

That the matter was not of an urgent nature and therefore the Committee should not consider it this day.

On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (3) - Councillors Allan, Crockett and Young.

Against the procedural motion (10) - Convener; and Councillors Dean, Dunbar, Farquharson, Kiddie, Malone, May, John Stewart, Kevin Stewart and Yuill.

#### **The Committee resolved:-**

to reject the procedural motion and thereby agree that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered, and a decision taken thereon.

### **DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS**

2. The Committee was requested to determine that the item on the agenda contained exempt information as described in Schedule 7(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

#### **The Committee resolved:-**

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

## **EXTERNAL SUPPORT TO DELIVER THE BUSINESS PLAN 2011/2016 - CG/11/085**

3. With reference to Article 25 of the minute of meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which outlined the process to procure external support to support the delivery of options agreed by Council on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

### **The report recommended:-**

that the Committee -

- (a) approve the appointment of company A as sole providers for the provision of external support to deliver the Business Plan 2011/16, other than where there was a need for highly specialist knowledge/service delivery which was not available via company A; and
- (b) approve the expenditure of £420,000 for the support of the Corporate Governance alternative delivery model and work packages for this and other projects within the designated budget based on the blended daily rate or other rate if procured separately.

The Convener moved, seconded by Councillor John Stewart:-

That the recommendations contained within the report be approved.

Councillor Crockett moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Allan:-

That this matter be deferred to the next Council meeting.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (10) - Convener; and Councillors Dean, Dunbar, Farquharson, Kiddie, Malone, May, John Stewart, Kevin Stewart and Yuill.

For the amendment (3) - Councillors Allan, Crockett and Young.

### **The Committee resolved:-**

to adopt the motion.

- **CALLUM McCAIG, Convener.**