



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE

This meeting was convened in accordance with the special urgency rules as set out in Rule 17 of Appendix 7 of the Council's Constitution.

6.30 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.

23 September 2010

Present: Councillors Morpew (Chair) and Waters

Apologies: Councillors Arthur and Brociek-Coulton

**1. SERVICE PROVISION POST CONNAUGHT PARTNERSHIPS LTD
ADMINISTRATION (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer presented the annexed report.

Councillor Waters said that there had been a full discussion on this issue at the Contracts Working Party. Taking into account the views expressed at the Contracts Working Party the Executive needed to consider the best options for handling risk and make the best judgement to ensure the delivery of services in the shortest timescale and to mitigate the impact of the discontinuity of service.

RESOLVED to –

- (1) approve the novation of the housing repairs, maintenance and improvements contract to Company B subject to a legal opinion confirming that there is more than a reasonable chance that any challenge could be successfully defended with the final decision being delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Development in consultation with the portfolio holders for housing and resources;
- (2) if (1) is not possible due to legal reasons, to let the interim contract to ensure service continuity whilst other options are evaluated before being brought back to Executive for decision;
- (3) approve the novation of the electrical and mechanical maintenance contract to Connaught Compliance Ltd;

- (4) delegate to the Director of Regeneration and Development, after clarification of technical issues within the procurement process and consultation with the portfolio holders for housing and resources, authority to either -
 - (a) approve the procurement strategy for gas servicing to let a temporary contract for up to nine months and to approve the procurement strategy for gas servicing to place an OJEU notice for a 5 year contract for gas servicing for contract commencement at the end of the temporary contract period;
 - or
 - (b) adopt a three year contract for gas servicing that would enable a full competitive process to be undertaken immediately;
- (5) approve the procurement strategy to immediately begin the process to let a contract for asbestos surveys;
- (6) note the temporary arrangements already in place as detailed in the report.

CHAIR