

OFFICER DECISIONS

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OD.044/14 Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Repayment

Officer who made decision: Director of Economic Development following consultation with the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Relevant Portfolio Area: Communities, Health and Wellbeing

Subject Matter:

A request has been received for the Council to waive the repayment on a DFG Repayment under the Scheme of Housing Assistance (Empty Properties and Disabled Facilities Grant) for a property in Carlisle.

The Housing Renewal Assistance policy document lays out the reasons for using discretion to waive the payment, the relevant portfolio and service director are approved to make the final decision.

Summary of Options rejected: Repayment of Disabled Facilities Grant which may prevent applicant buying appropriate property. Detrimental effect to applicant's wellbeing.

DECISION:

Decision required referring to waive Disabled Facilities Grant repayment of £3458.24

Reasons for Decision:

The decision had been made to waive the requirement to repay the DFG on the grounds that the family are likely to suffer financial hardship as a result of having to repay the DFG. Financial hardship to applicant where they have considered alternative home ownership for applicant needs.

Date Decision Made : 05-Dec-14

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OD.001/15 Energy Supply Partner

Officer who made decision: Director of Economic Development, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Relevant Portfolio Area: Communitas, Health and Wellbeing & Economy, Enterprise and Ho

Subject Matter:

Approval to carry out a soft market testing exercise to seek a partner for the supply of energy.

Summary of Options rejected: None

DECISION:

To approve the carrying out of a soft market testing exercise to seek a partner for the supply of energy.

Reasons for Decision:

To allow the exercise to take place so the Council can explore the opportunities and risks in partnering with an energy company to supply energy to Carlisle residents; looking at the possible benefits to vulnerable groups such as those who are, for example, on pre payment meters, giving them the opportunity to reduce their bills.

Date Decision Made : 04-Nov-14

OD.002/15 Carlisle Pools Repairs

Officer who made decision: Deputy Chief Executive, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Relevant Portfolio Area: Culture, Leisure and Young People

Subject Matter:

Throughout Autumn 2014 the Pools suffered a series of plant, and plant related break downs, necessitating some short closures and significant repairs.

In light of the extensive maintenance logs held by CLL, the normal 'life expired' nature of some of the older plant, and ongoing consideration of future pools provision, Carlisle City

Council had agreed to review maintenance provision and support on a case by case basis in the short term.

Summary of Options rejected: The alternative option would have been to with hold funding which may have led to contractual dispute with CLL and increased the risk of further facility closures

DECISION:

To provide £16,000 of repair and maintenance funding/support to CLL for works to Pools plant outside of contractual requirements/liabilities. Funding will be drawn from the existing planned and reactive maintenance Pools budgets (which were under-spent to date)

Reasons for Decision:

To ensure service continuity at the Pools and reduce the risk of future plant break downs and facility closures.

Date Decision Made : 07-Jan-15

OD.003/15 **Arts Council Grant**

Officer who made decision: Deputy Chief Executive, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Relevant Portfolio Area: Culture, Leisure and Young People

Subject Matter:

In October 2014 Carlisle City Council submitted an Arts Council Grant for the Arts funding bid for £39,178 to support the opening programme at the Old Fire Station in 2015/16.

In December 2014 the Arts Council responded saying that the application had been approved and invited Carlisle City Council to accept funding of up to £39,178 subject to their standard conditions for payments of grants. In summary these are to duly acknowledge the Arts Council in relevant marketing and publicity activity, use the funding strictly in accordance with the original bid proposals, and to provide mid-term and end project activity reports.

Summary of Options rejected: The alternative option would have been to decline the funding. This would have reduced the scope and quality of the opening programme at the Old Fire Station and was therefore rejected.

DECISION:

To accept the Arts Council grant award and their standard grant award conditions.

Reasons for Decision:

To support the opening programme for the Old Fire Station and ensure development and delivery of content and events in line with the business plan for the Arts Centre.

Date Decision Made : 07-Jan-15

OD.004/15 Termination of Covalent Contract

Officer who made decision: Policy and Communications Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Relevant Portfolio Area: Finance, Governance and Resources

Subject Matter:

Performance Management System

Summary of Options rejected: Continuation of the contract considered for risk management but the cost of maintaining the service did not justify a single use.

DECISION:

We have given Covalent three months notice of our intention to terminate the contract for Covalent. This contract will end in April 2015.

Reasons for Decision:

We have developed Microsoft Project Server and Sharepoint as an alternative tool for managing projects and risks. Performance indicators will be managed in Sharepoint.

Date Decision Made : 23-Dec-14

OD.005/15 Green Box Collection Contract Award

Officer who made decision: Director of Local Environment, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Relevant Portfolio Area: Environment and Transport

Subject Matter:

Tender outcome of Green Box Collection Procurement

Summary of Options rejected: Not to award the contract to FFC Environment Services (UK) Ltd.

DECISION:

Decision to award the Green Box Collection Contract to FCC Environment Services (UK) Ltd

Reasons for Decision:

Executive delegated authority to the Director of Local Environment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to undertake the necessary procurement for up to one year with potential to extend for one further year.

The contract is awarded to FFC Environment Services (UK) Ltd.

Date Decision Made : 09-Jan-15

OD.006/15 Temporary Stop Notice

Officer who made decision: Director of Economic Development, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Relevant Portfolio Area: Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Subject Matter:

Breach of planning control relating to the operation of a car wash at King Street, Carlisle.

Summary of Options rejected: Prosecution in the Magistrates Court will be considered following service of the Temporary Stop Notice.

DECISION:

To authorise officers to serve a Temporary Stop Notice.

Reasons for Decision:

The Temporary Stop Notice is issued by the Council, in exercise of its powers in Section 171E of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, because they consider that it is expedient that the activity specified in the notice should cease on the land.

Date Decision Made : 07-Jan-15
