

**Planning, Transportation the Environment and Waste
Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 27 January 2009

Present:

Mr A Adams	Mr C Joyce
Mr J Baskerville	Mrs B Lashley
Mr D Baxter	Mr P E Moore
Mr A Byrne	Mr G Nobbs
Miss E Collishaw	Mr J Perry-Warnes
Mr T East	Mr M Taylor
Mrs I Floering Blackman	Mrs C Ward
	Mr A White

Substitute Members:

Mrs Floering Blackman for Mr Bett
Mr C Joyce for Mrs Harris
Mr Nobbs for Mr Morrey
Mr Perry-Warnes for Mrs Bolt

Cabinet Members Present:

Mr A Gunson - Planning and Transportation

Officers in Attendance:

Mr C Bottjer – Contracts and Purchasing Manager
Mr P Clark – Independent Consultant
Mr G Corr – Legal Services
Mr J Joyce - Head of Programme Management
Mr P Wishart – Major Schemes Project Manager

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Bett, Mrs H Bolt, Mrs Harris, Mr J Joyce, Mr Morrey

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Exclusion of the Public

The Chairman advised the Committee that, with regard to the report at Item 4 on the agenda, the Panel needed to consider whether to exclude the Public for the consideration of the information. The Head of Programme Management presented the Public Interest Test, as required by the 2006 Access to Information Regulations. The Committee's consideration was as follows:

The report contained information relating to the progress of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road procurement process, including the results of an assessment of the quality and financial submissions contained in the tenders for the scheme. The release of this information would or would be likely to, prejudice these findings and would release commercially sensitive information into the public arena. It would therefore not be in the public interest to release this information. This assessment had been reached in the light of the guidance provided by the Head of Law.

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 for consideration of the item below on the grounds it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

4. Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR) – Award of Contract

The annexed report by the Director of Environment, Transport and Development, outlining the tendering process and analysis carried out for the NDR tenders and recommending the appointment of a contractor, was received.

It was noted that the report would be put before Cabinet at its meeting on 16 February, to which any comments from this Panel would be relayed.

It was noted that Mr Byrne, Mrs Lashley and Mr East had sat on the Procurement Working Group. All officers and Members involved in the process were thanked for all of their hard work.

Following consideration of the report it was **RESOLVED**:

To approve the recommendation as contained in the report.

Chairman

(The meeting closed at 10.50pm)



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