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To: Members of the
LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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Staff Side and Departmental Representatives

Councillor Russell Mellor (Chairman)
Councillor Nicholas Bennett J.P.
Councillor Stephen Carr
Councillor Simon Fawthrop
Councillor Tom Philpott
Councillor Diane Smith
Councillor Tim Stevens J.P.
Councillor Michael Turner
Councillor Angela Wilkins

Glenn Kelly, Staff Side Secretary
Mary Odoi, Unite
Kathy Smith, Unite
Max Winters, Education & Care Services
Gill Slater, Regeneration & Transformation Service

A meeting of the Local Joint Consultative Committee will be held at Committee Room 1 - Bromley Civic Centre on **THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

Rooms have been reserved for Members and the Staff Side to meet separately at 6pm before the meeting commences at 6.30pm. The Assistant Chief Executive (Human Resources) will be available from 6.00pm to brief Members.

MARK BOWEN
Director of Corporate Services

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To record any declarations of interest from Members present.

3 MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2015 (Pages 3 - 8)

4 TENDERS FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LIBRARY SERVICE.

The Staff Side would like to ask the following question:

Despite the results of the consultation exercise carried out by the Council, the Council is pressing ahead with a tendering process for the Library Service. Will the Council now disclose which organisations have come forward with bids to run the service? The

Council refused to disclose that Community Links were bidding for the Community Libraries - despite the fact that they were the only bidder. The Council relied on a "Commercially Sensitive" response.

Based on the Local Government Transparency Code, the commercially sensitive response was clearly not applicable. We are now asking that the Council reveal who is bidding for the remaining libraries. We draw your attention to Section 20 of the code which deals with commercial sensitivity which states:

"The government has not seen any evidence that publishing details about contracts entered into by local authorities would prejudice procurement or the interests of commercial organisations or breach commercial confidentiality"

It is clear that the matter is not one for exemption or exclusion according to the code.

The Council is in a contractual relationship with bidders as soon as a bid is made. Therefore, section 3.1 of the code is relevant. Further, paragraph 60 clearly states that published details must include the company registration number at company's house.

5 BIDDING FOR COMMUNITY LIBRARIES AND THE FEASIBILITY REPORT PRODUCED BY AMEY FOR TFM (TOTAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) SERVICES

The Staff Side would like to ask the following question:

The Council has just confirmed "Community Links" as the preferred bidder for the Community Libraries. Can members confirm that they were in fact the only bidders and mindful of the its responsibilities under the Local Government Transparency Code 2015 will the Council share the details of that bid and similarly the feasibility report produced by AMEY for TFM services the Council are preparing to outsource, (redacted where justifiable under the code).

6 THE IT CONTRACT

The Staff Side would like to ask the following question:

The Council has just announced the awarding of the IT contract to BT with estimated savings of 10%. Is this further savings on top of the SunGard contract subsumed by Capita that was intended to give 25% savings? Now we are at the change of contracts stage, is there a "final account" / report to the Contracts Committee setting out any true savings achieved and does this reflect in any way the wider costs to the service through IT failures to the IT service?

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee is requested to note that the next meeting date has been provisionally set for 8th June 2016. This is subject to formal ratification of the new LBB Calendar of Meetings by the GP&L Committee.

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