

**EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES AND CONTRACTS
POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 20 November 2019 (Extract)

Present:

Councillor Simon Fawthrop (Chairman)
Councillor Christopher Marlow (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Gareth Allatt, Julian Benington, Mary Cooke,
Ian Dunn, Nicky Dykes, Robert Evans, Russell Mellor,
Keith Onslow, Chris Pierce, Kieran Terry, Michael Tickner,
Stephen Wells and Angela Wilkins

Also Present:

Councillor Graham Arthur, Portfolio Holder for Resources,
Commissioning and Contracts Management
Councillor Peter Morgan, Portfolio Holder for Renewal,
Recreation & Housing
Councillor Colin Smith, Leader of the Council

91 PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

The Committee considered the following reports on the Part 1 agenda for the meeting of the Executive on 27 November 2019

**(10) BECKENHAM LIBRARY AND CULTURAL VENUE – AUTHORITY
TO PROCEED TO PROCUREMENT
Report DRR19/051**

The Committee considered procurement processes in relation to a proposal to move Beckenham Library from its current site into Beckenham Public Hall – in Copers Cope Ward - a Grade II listed building with significant potential for community use and situated in a more central town location. Members were also requested to consider the option of making the existing Beckenham Library site available for housing.

Referring to the lifetime of this project, the Chairman considered the procurement process should be looking for the best quality possible. To ensure that 60/40 price/quality weightings were retained, he suggested that Open Tender be used to procure the multi-disciplinary team. In this regard, the Chairman moved that the Executive be recommended to agree to use the above Open Tender process.

Committee Member and Ward Member for Copers Cope Ward, Councillor Tickner, reported concern that a signed petition against the proposed Library relocation was entitled 'Closure of Beckenham Library'. The report considered at the Renewal, Recreation and Housing PDS meeting on 3 November was just a feasibility study for relocation of the library and there were definitely no plans to close the Library. Referring to the 'change.org' website, Councillor Wilkins clarified that the petition was entitled "Save Beckenham Library", with the following text "We call on Bromley Council to retain Beckenham Library on its current site..."

RESOLVED: That the Executive be recommended to agree that Open Tender is used to procure the multi-disciplinary team, rather than ADUP, so that the Council's 60/40 price/quality weightings are retained.

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