Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee 22nd October 2020

Agenda Item 3/3a – Questions regarding Authorisation to Proceed T=to Contract: Energy Services for Written Reply

Question from Councillor Ian Dunn:

Paragraph 3.3 of the report mentions 4 electricity and 3 gas suppliers of which 2 of each were shortlisted. What are these suppliers and how did each score against LBB's KPIs?

Reply:

Based on quality and cost KPIs, for gas the Council received bids from TGP and Gazprom and they were rated at 93 and 82 percent respectively. For electricity the Council received bids from Haven and Ecotricity and they were rated 82 and 99 percent respectively.

Questions from Ms Sheila Grace:

1. With regard to your intention to reduce some of the council's organisational greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2029 I welcome the indication that LBB has decided to select a green energy company and can afford to do so. In performing this selection, how has the criteria been set and how ambitious are those criteria?

Reply:

Procuring renewable energy will play a vital role in helping the Council achieve it's 2029 net zero carbon target, which was unanimously approved following a Council Motion on 15th July 2019. It also forms a key part of the strategy approved by the Environment and Community PDS Committee on 29 January 2020.

Both our electricity and gas will be 100 percent from renewable sources such as solar, wind farms, biomass and anaerobic digestion of organic materials.

2. LBB residents have been vocal in their desire to reduce carbon emissions to zero in Bromley. Why then is the selection process so secretive and why could not the Bromley council tax payers be consulted for their views?

Reply:

The Leader of the Council on 21 July 2020 approved the recommendation to procurement for energy supplies from the United Learning Trust Framework, this recommendation was scrutinised by the Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 1 July 2020 in a public forum. The report sought approval from the Leader to proceed to

procurement for energy supplies, via a mini competition from a compliant framework. The outcome of that mini competition will see the Councils electricity and gas supplies being sourced 100 percent from renewable sources such as solar and wind farms and from sources such as biomass and anaerobic digestion of organic materials.