

Procurement Process Comparison for Schools Projects

Report by John Blair, Director, Resources

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to bring to the Cabinet's attention, recommendations from the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee.

2 Background

2.1 The Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee initially called for a report on Procurement Process Comparison for Schools Projects, following consideration of the performance report in respect of Property and Facilities Management on 5 June 2013. At that time the Committee requested a report on the following issues viz:--

- (a) An update on the main differences between the procurement processes for Hubco, PPP and the Schools for the Future project used at Lasswade; and
- (b) An update on progress with the replacement/redevelopment works at Rosewell, Gorebridge and Bilston Primary Schools.

2.2 A report on this matter was submitted to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee on 3 September 2013. This report is appended hereto.

3 Report Implications

There are no implications arising from this report which are not already addressed in the attached report.

4 Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee Decision

The Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee agreed, inter alia, as follows:-

- (a) To highlight to the Cabinet, the Committee's serious concerns regarding the performance of Hubco and the processes followed in relation to the letting of contracts;
- (b) To recommend to the Cabinet that it monitor closely the performance of Hubco in relation to the contracts for Rosewell Primary School and the replacement Newbattle High School; and

- (c) To recommend to the Cabinet that it take into account HUBCO's performance in relation to the contracts referred to at (b) above when determining the procurement route for improvements to Gorebridge Primary School and the replacement of Bilston Primary School.

5 Recommendations

The Cabinet is invited to consider the recommendations of the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee

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