

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE
14 OCTOBER 1999

Present: Councillors Bettison (Chairman), Mrs Ballin, Barnard, Bayle, Birch, Good, Harrison, Jones, Mrs Keene, McCormack, Mills, North, Mrs Shillcock, Wade and Wheaton

Also present: Councillors Blatchford and Mrs Hayes

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillor Wade

295. Substitute Members

The Committee noted the attendance of the following substitute member under Standing Order No 38:

Councillor Harrison for Councillor Wade

296. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of Item 1 which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of that Act:

(8) Information relating to the amount of expenditure proposed for a contract	(Item 1)
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297. The Edge Programme – Preferred Supplier (Item 1)

The Committee received a report, containing exempt information, on progress with the development of The Edge – the Council's multi-application smartcard initiative.

The report described the procedure used in the selection of a preferred supplier to work with the Council on the development of the Edge Card. The EC Negotiated Procedure was being followed to develop the contract, due to the specialised nature of the project. Following an advertisement in the European Journal, expressions of interest had been received. These had been assessed against criteria of technical capability/capacity, and tests of economic and financial standing. Following initial negotiation meetings and evaluation of detailed submissions from shortlisted companies, BT was recommended for approval as the Council's Preferred Supplier. If approved, negotiations would commence with BT leading to the award of a contract. Initial development by the Preferred Supplier would include requirements capture and analysis for the first smartcard applications, Library and Leisure Centre membership and Car Parking. The initial analysis and design work would require release of funding from the current capital allocation.

In order to maintain member oversight of the project, a sub committee was to be established to replace the Edge Focus Group.

RESOLVED that

- (i) negotiations be entered into with BT as the Council's preferred supplier for the Edge Programme
- (ii) the Edge Focus Group be disbanded and a Sub Committee be established with terms of reference as set out in annexe B of the report to oversee contract negotiations and development with the preferred supplier and to make final recommendations to this Committee for the award of the contract;
- (iii) in accordance with Standing Order 59, contract Standing Orders be suspended in order that the initial analysis and design work can be undertaken by the preferred supplier; and
- (iv) funds be released from the current capital budget, for initial analysis and design work, as described in paragraph 4.17 of the report.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 7.15pm

CHAIRMAN