

COMMERCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority)

20 January 2014

Present:-

Councillors Healey (Chair), Brazil, Edmunds, Gordon, Randall Johnson and Woodman

Apologies:-

Councillor Dyke

***CSC/21. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2013 be signed as a correct record.

***CSC/22. Red One Ltd. - Website**

The Committee received for information a presentation by the Director of People and Commercial Services on current progress with development of a website for Red One Ltd. The visually-active site provided comprehensive information both of Red One and the Training Academy. In respect of the latter, the site detailed courses offered together with dates and the ability to book places on-line using a variety of payment methods including credit cards and BACS.

The site also featured social media links (e.g. Facebook) although, following a suggestion made at the Committee, the possibility of making these more prominent would be explored. Additionally, the site offered functionality to feature video clips of prior courses and utilisation of this functionality would also be explored.

***CSC/23. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act, namely information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Authority and other companies.

***CSC/24. Expenses Budget**

(An item taken in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during which the press and public were excluded from the meeting).

The Committee considered a report of the Director of People and Commercial Services (CSC/14/1) on an annualised expense budget for Red One Ltd. for 2014-15. The budget aligned with the five-year commercial business plan previously approved by the Committee (Minute *CSC/17 refers) and had been approved by the Red One Board.

In debating the matter, the Committee asked for more clarity in respect of certain areas following which it was

RESOLVED that a further, special meeting of the Committee be held at 14.00hours on Monday 3 February 2014 to further consider the annualised expense budget for Red One Ltd. for 2014-15.

***CSC/25. Finance Update**

(An item taken in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during which the press and public were excluded from the meeting).

The Treasurer reported for information on commercial services financial performance to date including sales trends and the anticipated final position at the end of the current (2013-14) financial year.

***CSC/26. Update on Current Commercial Leads & Opportunities**

(An item taken in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during which the press and public were excluded from the meeting).

The Committee received for information a report of the Director of People and Commercial Services (CSC/14/2) on commercial leads and opportunities currently being progressed.

*** DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The meeting started at 10.00hours and finished at 13.20hours