

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on Thursday 13th October 2005 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor S. K. Doubell, Acting Deputy Leader in the Chair

Councillors S. R. Coy, A. L. Davis, D. J. E. Evans, G. Offord and C. Reid.

Non-Executive Councillors Present: Councillors P. G. Allnatt, H. M. Dixon, J. S. W. Elford, M. P. Hatton, I. J. Henderson, N. M. Phillips, M. Rousell, J. A. Scott, T. R. Sturgis, J. P. S. S. Thomson and R. L. Tonge

Officers Present: L. Bell (Strategic Manager Community & Environment), S. Bowcock (Cleansing & Amenities Operations Co-Ordinator), H. Braid (Policy & Democratic Services Officer), J. Cogswell (Community Partnership Team Leader), J. Higinbotham (Investigations Team Leader), J. Tavener (Customer Contact Team Leader), P. Jeremiah (Legal Services Team Leader), J. Konyneburg (Principal Regeneration Officer), L. Robertson (Spatial Planning Team Leader) and D. Stirling (Estate & Design Team Leader).

E76. Appointment of a Car Parking, Access & Transportation Strategy Champion

Consideration was given to the following question submitted by Councillor J. Elford:

“As the role of ‘champion’ described in 1.1 of report number 9 has a “direct impact on the application of the Councils environmental policies” and Council already has in place formal arrangement pertaining to appointments. Should the appointment of the said ‘champion’ be more widely publicised in order to uphold the comment in 6.1, verify the comment in 4.1 and attract other candidates, thereby enhancing the appointment process in this particular case?”

Councillor S. Doubell indicated that the report followed the standard District Council format and that the Human Resource Implications and Equal Opportunities Implications related to paid employees of the Council and not to Councillor appointments. Councillor Doubell confirmed that the appointment of Champions was currently within the gift of the Leader and the Executive.

Consideration was then given to Report No.9 (circulated with the agenda), together with proposed amendments to the recommendations and a revised job description (circulated at the meeting), which asked the Executive to consider the appointment of a Non-Executive Member for the role of Car Parking, Access and Transportation Strategy Champion.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- It had been necessary to bring the report to the Executive as the Council’s constitution did not currently make reference to the appointment of champions.
- The process that had been followed to appoint the Procurement Champion which had included an invitation to all Members to apply.



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- The wider issue of champions and that the process for their appointment needed to be further considered.
- Whether it was appropriate for the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to become a champion undertaking work which fell within the portfolio of the Leader of the Council.
- Policy development fell within the overview remit of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- That champions did not have the authority to make decisions, but were required to make recommendations to the Leader and the Executive.
- The large amount of work that had to be undertaken within a short period of time in respect of the Car Parking, Access and Transportation Strategy.

Resolved that

- (1) The job description for the Car Parking, Access and Transportation Strategy Champion (as attached as Appendix 1 to these Minutes) be approved.
- (2) The Overview & Scrutiny Committee be invited to appoint a Member to the position of Car Parking, Access and Transportation Strategy Champion.
- (3) Consideration be given to providing an appropriate allowance for the position, with such allowance to be agreed by the Leaders of the Liberal Democrat Group and the Conservative Group.