



REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a MEETING held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 2002.

PRESENT: Mrs NS Bryant (Chairman), Mr BE Atfield, Mr M Connolly, Mr PR Davis, Mr WR Moss, Mr CEG Read, Mrs P Rugg, Mrs MSN Taylor and Mr IC West.

Miss MF deRhé-Philipe, Mr M Hewson and Mrs JA Scott also attended the meeting.

80. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr JP Johnson.

81. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 15th May, 2002.

82. **Chairman's Announcement** The Chairman announced that, at the suggestion of the Director of Environmental Services, she had agreed that a Members' Site Visit be held on Monday, 22nd July, 2002 to familiarise members with the following sites and issues prior to their consideration at the meeting of this Committee on 24th July:-

- Wilton to Westwood St Thomas School – request for free transport
- Whiteparish: Moor Farm – planning application
- Landford: Giles Lane – planning application
- Redlynch: Hamptworth Estate – planning application

The Director intended to write to all members with further details of these visits but in the meantime, members were requested to note the date in their diaries.

83. **Public Participation** Mrs M Hall, Mr GS Mills and Mr J Eades from Allington asked questions or made statements about the proposed road closure at Allington. The Chairman expressed her thanks for the questions and statements which, she said, would be taken into account during the course of the debate on the subject later in the meeting.

84. **Bradford on Avon Integrated Transport Measures – Petition** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and on hearing the views of Mr M Hewson, the local member,

Resolved:

- (1) *To note that the Integrated Transport Schemes to be implemented in Bradford on Avon are agreed by the Local Transport Plan Working Group for the town.*
- (2) *To draw the attention of the Working Group meeting, to be held later in 2002, to the areas mentioned in the petition.*

85. **Chippenham Without: Allington – Proposed Road Closure** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and a letter from Ms J Stacey in support of the proposal and on hearing the views of Mrs JA Scott, the local member,

Resolved:

- (1) *To not pursue the proposed closure.*
- (2) *To request that the closure of Draycot Lane, Allington at its junction with Road A350, together with a weight restriction on Allington Lane, be added to the list of outstanding requests for Orders for consideration at the next Annual Traffic Regulation Order Review in March, 2003.*
- (3) *To inform the objectors accordingly.*

(Note: Mr PR Davis requested that his vote against the decision in resolution (2) be recorded.)

86. **Revision of Staffing Procedures for Staff below Deputy Chief Officer Level** On considering a report by the Director of Corporate Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To note the changes to current staffing procedures in relation to officers below the level of deputy chief officer resulting from the Officer Employment Procedure Rules.*
- (2) *To delegate to the Head of Paid Service or his nominee the power to determine the level of any enhancement of pension benefits under the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation)(England and Wales) Regulations in accordance with the existing policy.*
- (3) *To request the Director of Corporate Services to provide half yearly reports setting out the number of dismissals authorised, together with the reasons for the dismissals and the total costs incurred.*
- (4) *To agree that any appeal against dismissal or disciplinary action by the Head of Paid Service should be considered by any three members taken from the combined membership of the Disciplinary & Dismissal Sub-Committee and the Appeals Panel of the Regulatory Committee, ie, at present, Mr BE Atfield,*

Mrs NS Bryant, Mr M Connolly, Mr PR Davis, Mrs JA Scott and Mrs JH Seager.

- (5) *To note that a further report will be submitted following a review of the arrangements for the appointment and dismissal of senior officers.*

87. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: *To agree that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Minute Numbers 88 and 89 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 11 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.*

88. National Pay Negotiations On considering a report by the Director of Corporate Services,

Resolved: *To receive and note the contents of the Director's report which set out the latest position regarding the national pay negotiations.*

89. Staffing Matters

- (1) **Education & Libraries Department – Youth & Community Branch** On considering a joint report by the Chief Education Officer and the Director of Corporate Services,

Resolved:

- (i) *To approve the request from a member of staff from the Youth & Community Branch of the Education & Libraries Department for unpaid leave of absence for a period of up to three weeks, in order to be seconded to Drugscope as part of a Hungarian Twinning Programme with the Hungarian National Institute for Drug Prevention and the Trimbos Institute of the Netherlands, the leave to be taken in three stages of one week at a time in November and December, 2002 and in June, 2003.*
- (ii) *To request the officer to prepare a short report or presentation on the twinning programme to this Committee on the completion of the secondment.*

- (2) **Education & Libraries Department – Wiltshire Music Service** On considering a report by the Director of Corporate Services,

Resolved: *To approve the request from a member of staff from the Wiltshire Music Service for unpaid leave of absence for a period of one year, in order to undertake a PGCE course with Bath University for the academic year 2002/03.*

- (3) **Education & Libraries Department – Youth & Community Branch** On considering a report by the Director of Corporate Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To authorise the Director of Corporate Services to agree an increase in the hourly rate for the Catering Manageress.*
- (2) *To off-set the anticipated increase in the nationally agreed hourly rate due from 1st April, 2002 against this increase.*
- (3) *To review the rate in April 2003 when labour market conditions may have changed.*
- (4) *To meet the additional cost from income.*

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am - 11.45am)

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