

CENTRAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

26TH JANUARY 2005

PRESENT	Councillor Hayton (Chair) Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Burn, Grogan, Harrison, Kingston, Laurie, McKellar, Mowbray, Mrs Pinkney, Stonehouse, Taylor and Mrs Todd.
APOLOGY	Councillor Mrs Burn
ADVISERS	G. Ridley, Director of Central Resources; Ms C Prest, Head of Legal Services; Mrs C Andrew, District Audit and Mrs H Wilson, Committee Administrator.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2004 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

It was **AGREED** to consider item 8 at this stage in the meeting.

348. ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

Consideration was given to the 2003/2004 Annual Audit Inspection and Letter. The issues raised would be addressed and subsequently reviewed by External Audit in the future.

Members expressed concern regarding the deadline for the completion of accounts. The Director responded that a timetable had been produced and agreed by the Management Team for completion of the 2004/2005 accounts.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

Mrs C Andrew left the meeting.

349. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

Consideration was given to the capital expenditure of the Authority for the first nine months of 2004/2005 against budget. The projected outturn for each scheme would be used to assist in determining the level of resources available to support the capital programme for 2005/06.

In response to Councillor Grogan the Director confirmed that any additional proposed Capital expenditure resulting from capital receipts would be submitted to Committee for approval.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

350. REVENUE BUDGE MONITORING

Consideration was given to the revenue expenditure of the Authority for the first nine months of 2004/2005 against budget. The annex to the report compared the approved budget

In response to Members who sought clarification regarding certain overspends the Director advised that the majority had resulted from changed budget forecasts (i.e. the estimated amount of support services provided to the Management Support Unit were greater than originally planned).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

351. RATE RELIEF FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Consideration was given to the rural settlement list. Members were reminded that the Council was obligated to review its list of rural settlements annually.

In response to Councillor Kingston the Director advised he would confirm whether Page Bank was included elsewhere.

RECOMMENDED that the review of the rural settlement list be approved.

352. 1 & 3 EDWARD STREET, ELDON LANE

Consideration was given to the disposal of 2no. surplus dwellings by confined negotiation to an interested party.

RECOMMENDED that at a price to be negotiated by the District Valuer and which is endorsed as representing market value and subject to receipt of Secretary of State consent, 1 & 3 Edward Street be sold to Mr and Mrs Welch.

353. LAND ADJACENT TO WESTERN HILL FROSTERLEY

As the applicant was unable to attend the meeting it was **AGREED** to defer the item.

RESOLVED that the item be deferred.

RESOLVED that under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraphs 1, 7 & 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

354. REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT

Consideration was given to a request for early retirement from a current employee.

RECOMMENDED that the request for early retirement be approved.

355. LAND AT NORTH BONDGATE MMP ESTATES LTD

Consideration was given to the terms of the disposal of the land at North Bondgate.

RECOMMENDED that in accordance with the terms set out in the report and that MMP Estates Ltd be asked to contribute towards the Council's legal costs and the District Valuer's fees, the land identified in the report be sold to MMP Estate.

356. FORMER TENANTS ARREARS

Consideration was given to the Former Tenants Arrears. Members were reminded that all avenues and means of collecting these debts had been exhausted.

RESOLVED that the writes offs, as detailed in Annex 7 of the report be, be approved.

The meeting concluded at 7.05pm

CHAIR