

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE
HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2005**

Present: Councillor R.J. Todd (Chair)
Councillors R. Crute, Mrs. J. Freak,
J. Goodwin, D. Myers and G. Patterson

Apologies: Councillors A. Napier and F. Shaw

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 30th August, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2. **ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services which gave details of treasury transactions for the financial year 2004/2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Members were advised that the 2004/2005 annual report covered the Council's current treasury position, performance and compliance with treasury limits and prudential indicators, details of which were outlined.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

3. **LDF: STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Environment and Transport which gave details of the outcome of consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement prior to its submission to Government Office for independent examination, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the outcome of consultations on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement be noted;
- (ii) the Council's formal submission to the Secretary of State in accordance with the requirements of the new Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 be approved.

4. **UK SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, MARCH 2005**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Environment and Transport which gave a summary of the new UK Sustainable Development Strategy, related it to the Council and suggested ways to help deliver it, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the Council take a proactive role in ensuring the new UK Sustainable Development Strategy was implemented and the actions outlined in section 4.1 be adopted.

5. EVERY CHILD MATTERS IN COUNTY DURHAM:CONSULTATION ON FUNCTIONAL MODELLING

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Social Inclusion which gave details of a draft response to a consultation paper received from Durham County Council on a "functional model" in respect of the Every Child Matters Programme, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

A detailed diagram of the draft "functional model" was attached at Appendix 1. Appendix 2 outlined the draft response, which due to time constraints had been submitted as an interim statement of the Councils views.

Members were advised that the Children Act 2004 set a national agenda to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families through the co-ordination and integration of services with five key outcomes in mind: being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and economic well-being.

RESOLVED that Appendix 2 be approved as the Council's formal response to Durham County Council's consultation on the Every Child Matters Functional Modelling proposals.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

7. REVENUES SECTION MINI STAFFING REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Financial Management which gave details of a mini staffing review in the Revenues Section, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) a new post of Revenues Visiting Officer be established;
- (ii) three new part-time posts of Revenues Assistants be established;
- (iii) the two existing part-time posts of Assistant Cashiers be deleted;
- (iv) the structure be filled in conjunction with the Trade Union Panel.

8. BENEFITS STAFFING

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Financial Management which sought approval to establish a new post of Benefit Officer (Homelessness) in the Benefits Section, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that a temporary post of Benefit Officer (Homelessness) be established for a fixed term of two years following which the situation would be reviewed.

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