

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 JUNE, 2005**

Present: Councillor A Burnip (Chair)
Councillors D Armstrong, B Burn,
A Collinson, Mrs E M Connor,
Mrs S Mason, C Patching, R Taylor
and P G Ward

Also present: Councillor D Myers – Executive
Member for e-Government and
Scrutiny Liaison

- 1 **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 7 June, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.
- 2 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE** held on 14 June, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

RESOLVED that the information contained within the Minutes, be noted.

3 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(i) **East Durham Business Centre (Minute Number 4 refers)**

Councillor A Collinson requested further information regarding the additional contribution of £100,000 towards the development costs of the East Durham Business Centre, which would be met from the Flexible Regeneration Budget for 2006/2007.

Councillor D Myers, Executive Member for e-Government and Scrutiny Liaison advised that the authority had agreed a further £100,000 contribution towards the project, which equated to 8% of the total development costs. The Council would not only own the facility and secure a high quality asset but it would also receive long-term revenue from the rental income.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(ii) **Acquisition of 2.4 Acres of Land adjacent to Hackworth Road Depot, Peterlee (Minute Number 8 refers)**

Councillor A Collinson queried if the Procurement Strategy had been taken into account when considering the purchase of land at Hackworth Road, Peterlee.

Councillor D Myers, Executive Member for e-Government and Scrutiny Liaison advised that the report considered by the Executive had stated there were no direct procurement implications.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

5 COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY

There was nothing to report.

**PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS
COUNCILLOR MRS E M CONNOR DECLARED A PERSONAL BUT NOT
PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

6 EAST DURHAM HOMES – CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

Members were advised that at the last meeting Councillor P G Ward requested clarification regarding the fees and charges detailed in the Capital Works Programme. Councillor Ward had stated there was no consistency with the charges and queried if a standard mechanism was applied for determining the fees and charges.

I Morris, Head of Housing Strategy was in attendance at the meeting and advised that whilst he did not have the specific information available at the meeting he would liaise with East Durham Homes and provide the information at a future meeting.

Councillor Ward suggested that the information be provided in writing to all Members of the Committee and if necessary the Head of Housing Strategy be invited to attend a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the Head of Housing Strategy provide the information regarding the fees and charges detailed in the Capital Works Programme to all Members of the Resources Scrutiny Committee.

7 ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, Section 100B (4b) the Chair, following consultation with the Proper Officer, agreed that the following item of business, not shown on the agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency.

8 CLEANLINESS OF BUS SHELTERS (AOB)

Councillor A Collinson expressed concern at the cleanliness of bus shelters throughout the district.

The Scrutiny Support Manager advised that the cleanliness of bus shelters was discussed at the Scrutiny Management Board held on 25 May, 2005 and referred to the Service Delivery Scrutiny Committee for consideration. The Committee had subsequently requested information on the programme for cleansing and maintenance of bus shelters which when received would be referred back to the Scrutiny Management Board.

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RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

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