

Finance & General Purposes Committee

11 October 2001

Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** held on **11 October 2001** when there were present:

Cllr D R Helson – Chairman

Cllr R Adams	Cllr C R Morgan
Cllr T G Cutmore	Cllr P J Morgan
Cllr G Fox	Cllr S P Smith
Cllr J E Grey	Cllr M G B Starke
Cllr A Hosking	Cllr R E Vingoe
Cllr Mrs J Helson	Cllr P F A Webster
Cllr V H Leach	Cllr D A Weir
Cllr T Livings	Cllr Mrs M A Weir
Cllr J R F Mason	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G A Mockford.

SUBSTITUTES

Cllr Mrs M J Webster.

OFFICERS PRESENT

P A Warren - Chief Executive
R J Honey - Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration)
R Crofts - Corporate Director (Finance & External Services)
Mrs H Drye - Corporate Policy Manager
J Bostock - Principal Committee Administrator

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Helen Drye, the recently appointed Corporate Policy Manager.

360 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs T G Cutmore and T Livings each declared non-pecuniary interests in items involving Parish Councils by virtue of their role as Parish Councillors.

Cllr D R Helson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on Parish Partnership Initiative – Bid Submissions by virtue of being a Member of Rayleigh Sports Council.

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361 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2001 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to it being noted that the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) had advised that he understood from the information available that there was sufficient funding for the upgrading of car park lighting.

362 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The Committee received the Schedule relating to Decisions.

Audio Visual Equipment – Tenders (Minute 165/01)

Responding to a Member question on timescale and quality, the Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration) advised that the equipment order had been placed during May/June 2000. Whilst it had been intended that work conclude during the last week of this August, there had been some technical difficulties with the second projector and a need to identify three clear days during which work could be undertaken without additional expense. The Contract was now due to conclude on 7 November 2001. There would be no additional costs to the Council and, apart from support levels, staffing resources had not been a factor.

Dealing with Abandoned Vehicles – The Way Forward (Minute 251/00)

Responding to Member questions, the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) confirmed that the County Council had agreed to reimburse the District for that element of the charge covering disposal to satisfy their responsibility as the Waste Disposal Authority. Reimbursement would be back-dated.

Once the tender process had been concluded, the District would bill the County for any back payment. It was envisaged that the County would make payment within a reasonable period. If, however, there is a delay, the District can withdraw the sum due from the precept payment.

Albert Jones Court, Rochford (Minute 288/00)

Responding to a Member observation that the Albert Jones court building should be kept in some use, the Chief Executive referred the Committee to Member Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee Minute 146(1) setting out arrangements for a further joint Member meeting with the County to discuss sites/properties of mutual interest, which would include the Albert Jones Court site.

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It was agreed that the suggestion of a Member that Albert Jones Court may be suited to recent Government proposals aimed at avoiding bed-blocking within the National Health Service should be forwarded as a suggestion to the joint Meeting. It was also agreed that the observation of a Member that the District should again be able to input into decisions made on the application of any capital receipts associated with Albert Jones Court and the Bungalow site should be forwarded to the joint meeting.

Recycling Survey (Minute 80/01)

The Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) confirmed that Officers would check that the leaflets associated with the recycling project were clear about bin usage arrangements. It was confirmed that the leaflets would be withdrawn from general display at public information points and only provided to residents on the recycling rounds. It was noted that Officers had been monitoring since scheme implementation and that there would be future reports on outcome.

Rayleigh Town Centre Review (Minute 85/01) and Proposed Traffic Calming Measures, Alexandra Road, Great Wakering (Minute 85/01)

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that the Area Manager (Transportation and Operational Services, Essex County Council) had advised that the informal advertisement relating to the revised Traffic Regulation Order for Rayleigh Town Centre would be placed during October 2001. The likely implementation of the proposed traffic calming measures at Alexandra Road, Great Wakering was December 2001.

The Chief Executive suggested that Members might like to place both these subjects on the Agenda of the next Joint Member Local Transport Plan meeting organised by Essex County Council's Highways Department.

Petition (Minute 170/01)

A Member observed that it was unfortunate that Essex County Council had yet to respond to District requests.

With regard to the pursuance of discussions with both Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Essex County Council, the Chief Executive referred Members to Minute 146 of the Member Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee.

A Member observed that the Agenda for a forthcoming meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Board had been received very late. The Chairman indicated that Officers would check out the position but it

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was most likely that the papers from the host authority had just been received.

South East Essex Dial-a-Ride Scheme (Minute 275/01)

It was noted that JMP Consultants Ltd had been invited to a meeting of the Dial-a-Ride Working Group scheduled for 29 October 2001.

Modernising Agenda – Submission of Proposed Decision Making Structure to Central Government (Minute 287/01)

The Chief Executive advised that the Authority was now outside the period during which the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions had indicated it would raise any concerns/issues associated with the Council's proposals. Members would be advised should any communication be received from the Government in advance of the meeting of the Structural and Procedural Review Sub-Committee scheduled for 16 October 2001.

Those items implemented would be deleted from the next report.

Outstanding Issues would be carried forward.

363 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee received the Minutes of the following Sub-Committees and considered the recommendations contained therein:-

(1) Corporate Resources – 18 September 2001

Minute 424 - Easement – 2 Anchor Lane Cottages, Canewdon

Resolved

That the Head of Legal Services completes a Deed of Grant of Easement with the owner of 2 Anchor Lane Cottages, Canewdon, for the purposes of vehicular access and parking for up to three cars within that property, on such terms as are agreed by the District Valuer and on such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services thinks fit. (HLS)

Minute 425 - Land Part Of 67 Queens Road, Rayleigh

Resolved

- (1) That the transfer of an area of land measuring approximately 13 metres in depth on the north-east and 12 metres in depth on the north west, with a width of approximately 11 metres (as shown

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edged with a thick black line on the plan attached to the report) to the proposed purchaser of 32 Bull Lane, Rayleigh at value and subject to a restriction as to its use and on such other terms as the Head of Legal Services considers appropriate be agreed.

- (2) That the purchaser meets the Council's legal and valuation fees at his own expense and erects a suitable fence to be agreed by the Council along the new rear boundary of 67 Queens Road, Rayleigh.
- (3) That the appropriate local Ward Member/s are made aware of any future requests for land purchase at the earliest possible stage. (HLS)

Minute 426 - Local Public Service Agreements

Resolved

That Officers determine the appropriateness of working with the County Council on Local Public Service Agreements and report back to this Sub-Committee should additional resources be required. (CD(F&ES))

(2) Member Budget Monitoring – 25 September 2001

Minute 146(1) – Joint Member meeting with Essex County Council to discuss areas of mutual interest

Resolved

That arrangements be made for a further joint member meeting with the County Council to discuss sites/properties of mutual interest, the District Council's representatives to be the respective Group Leaders or their nominees. (CE)

(3) Contracts – 3 October 2001

Minute 117 – Leisure Contract – Site Visits

The Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) advised that details of the final arrangements for visits could be included in the next mail drop to Members.

Resolved

- (1) That the sites detailed in Section 3 of the exempt report be visited.

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- (2) That dates for the visits be chosen from the preferred dates of 30 October, 5, 12 and 23 November. (CD(F&ES))

364 CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) detailing progress against the Capital Programme.

In reviewing the Capital Programme update schedule, the following was raised:-

(1) Building Condition Survey Works

It was noted that the Leisure Sub-Committee was recommending to Full Council that interim works be undertaken to keep the Mill Hall lift running in the sum of £2,700.

(2) CCTV in small shopping parades

It was noted that the sites at London Road, Golden Cross and Great Wakering were all set up. The public utilities connection to the Rochford Garden Way location had taken place on 9 October and arrangements were being made to set up this facility before the next Full Council meeting.

(3) Road Safety/Pedestrian Crossings

It was noted that, if a scheme at Love Lane, Rayleigh was not approved, the underspent budget would be transferred to the Community Safety budget. A report on the crossing is being prepared by Essex County Council for the next meeting of the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee.

(4) CCTV – Sheltered Units

An update report was being submitted to the next meeting of the Housing Management Sub-Committee.

365 QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive on proposals for celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

It was noted that the age categories for the proposed Schools Initiative should read '7', '7 to 10', and '11 to 16' and that it was anticipated submissions would be from individual pupils. It was also noted that the Leisure Sub-Committee was recommending to Full Council that

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consideration be given to the possibility of a special Golden Jubilee film showing at the Mill Hall, Rayleigh.

A Member observed that, should it be agreed that the next Chairman's reception include residents over 100 years old, appropriate transport provision will need to be costed for.

The Committee endorsed the view of a Member that, if not already undertaken, there would be value in consulting schools, Parish/Town Councils and voluntary bodies within the District to identify any Jubilee activities proposed for the Council to then consider whether the District might be able to contribute. Given the Council's limited resources, any consultation would have to be undertaken in a way which does not raise expectations.

A Member observed that the Council's newspaper, Rochford District Matters, would be a useful vehicle for facilitating consultation. Comment was also made that there would be benefit in installing a plaque at the Beacon Site in Rayleigh to commemorate those occasions when it is lit. A Member also remarked that the appearance of the beacon would benefit from removal of surrounding signage.

During discussion of a suggestion that the Council's first country park (at the Cherry Orchard site) could recognise the Jubilee by being named, say, The Cherry Orchard Jubilee Park, it was accepted that it would be appropriate for such an approach to be referred to the Cherry Orchard Country Park Working Group in the first instance.

It was observed that, given timescales, it was important to undertake further work on possible celebratory activity as soon as practicable.

Responding to Member questions, the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) advised that any proposals would be costed up for inclusion in the draft Committee budget figures.

The Committee proceeded to consider each of the initiatives set out in the report, together with additional motions (as indicated below) and it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That subject to future reports on specific costings as appropriate:-
 - (i) Schools, Parish/Town Councils and voluntary bodies be consulted to identify any plans they have for Jubilee celebrations with a report back to Council so that Members can consider whether the District may be

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- able to assist (moved by Councillor R E Vingoe and seconded by Councillor T G Cutmore). (CE)
- (ii) Officers investigate the possibility of installing a plaque at the Beacon site setting out previous key lighting occasions and that any unnecessary signage at this location be removed (moved by Councillor Mrs J Helson and seconded by Councillor V H Leach). (CD(F&ES))
 - (iii) The proposal of the Leisure Sub-Committee that Officers investigate and report back on the possibility of a Special Golden Jubilee film show at the Mill Hall, Rayleigh be endorsed. (Moved by Councillor J R Mason and seconded by Councillor Mrs M J Webster).
 - (iv) The suggestion that the name of the Council's country park include reference to the Jubilee be referred to the Cherry Orchard Park Working Group for consideration. (Moved by Councillor Mrs M J Webster and seconded by Councillor P F A Webster). (CD(F&ES))
- (2) That the following proposals with their associated costings be approved:-
- (i) The Schools Competition Initiative as outlined in the report.
 - (ii) The Chairman's reception next July to have a suitable Golden Jubilee theme as outlined in the report.
 - (iii) The Council participate as part of the National Beacon Lighting Ceremony on Monday, 3 June 2002 on the basis outlined in the report.
 - (iv) A small photographic exhibition on Queen Elizabeth at the time of the Accession through to the Coronation be on display in the foyer at Mill Hall on the basis set out in the report.
 - (v) The District Council produce an Information Pack containing various leaflets and booklets specifically for anyone wishing to organise an event in response to the Golden Jubilee. (CE)

366 REFERENCE FROM TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE – THE APPROACH CAR PARK, RAYLEIGH – CAPITAL WORKS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Revenue & Housing Management on a Sub-Committee referral to consider

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additional capital funding in order to undertake work at The Approach car park, Rayleigh.

The Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) advised that tenders for car park works had arrived at a figure which was substantially above the £30,000 budget. It was proposed to report the specific tender amounts to full Council.

Responding to Member questions, the Corporate Director advised that the original estimates for work to the car parks had been compiled on the basis of the consultant's interim report. However, to achieve the latest urban lighting standards, there was a need to introduce additional lighting columns. Whilst Castle Road and Websters Way car parks virtually met the standards, Back Lane car park did not. Potential light pollution would also need to be considered as a factor.

It was noted that elements of car park works could be funded via the Crime and Disorder budget. In this regard a Member indicated that it would be of value to consider addressing vandalism problems being experienced at The Grange car park, Rayleigh. A Member commented on the value of including the latest information on car park usage in any future report setting out proposals.

It was noted that, in considering proposals for work to the car parks, particular account would need to be taken of the possible impact of autumnal weather and the role of the statutory undertakers.

Resolved

That a report setting out the tenders received in respect of work to each car park be submitted to Full Council, the report to include detail on specifications against the current budget of £30,000 and car park usage. (CD(F&ES))

367 REFERENCE FROM TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE – FUTURE CONSULTATION PROCESS ON TAXI LICENSING: UNION RECOGNITION

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive relating to the principle of Union recognition on Council bodies in the light of a request from the Transportation Sub-Committee as to whether the Council should formally recognise the Transport and General Workers Union in respect of their representation of taxi drivers.

Recommendation (1) set out within the report was moved by Cllr Mrs J Helson and seconded by Cllr J Mason.

The following motion, moved by Cllr Mrs J Helson and seconded by Cllr V H Leach was then considered:-

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- “(1) That the consultative fora for this Council be:-
- (a) The Taxi Drivers Forum, comprising Councillors on the Working Group and Rochford District plate holders (supported by Officers).
 - (b) The Taxi Circuit Owners Forum – comprising Councillors on the Working Group and taxi circuit owners (supported by Officers).
- (2) That a paid employee of the Transport & General Workers Union be appointed as an adviser to attend the Taxi Drivers Forum.”

The motion was taken in two parts. Part (1) was carried whilst Part (2) was lost on a show of hands.

Members observed that it would be of value to establish the actual number of taxi drivers within the District who are represented by the Transport & General Workers Union.

Resolved

That, in the light of the information outlined in the report, the Council confirms its current policy of only officially recognising a Union in the contractual employer/employee situation.

It was further: -

RECOMMENDED

That the consultative fora for this Council be:-

- (a) The Taxi Drivers Forum, comprising Councillors on the Working Group and Rochford District plate holders (supported by Officers).
- (b) The Taxi Circuit Owners Forum – comprising Councillors on the Working Group and taxi circuit owners (supported by Officers).

368 CONTRACT REVIEW

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive on conclusions reached by the Member Contract Review Working Group.

The proposals set out in the report were moved by Cllr J Mason and seconded by Cllr D R Helson. An additional motion was moved by

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Councillor Mrs J Helson and seconded by Cllr V H Leach relating to the identification of a lead contact officer for each contract.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That as part of the work around the modernising agenda and compiling a new constitution for the Authority, the Council should develop a procurement strategy, contract standing orders and financial regulations which recognise the trend towards partnering and negotiation.
- (2) That the new standing orders and regulations need to look at the issues of aggregation and disaggregation.
- (3) That the new standing orders and regulations need to look at the balance between lowest price versus quality versus time in terms of selection. It needs to be recognised that there will be occasions where quality and /or time may be the overriding factors.
- (4) That large contracts (that is over £250,000) or contracts on sensitive sites, e.g. Mill Hall, Town Centres, Public Toilets, should be the subject of greater Member involvement in terms of the development of the specification and monitoring performance.
- (5) That Reports submitted to Committee (both in the Overview & Scrutiny and Policy context) in respect of contracts should, wherever possible, include more details in relation to the quality of the work/service to be provided and the estimated duration of the contract. The key stages of the contract and any critical timeframes should be identified and shown graphically where appropriate.
- (6) That where specific materials are required, initial investigations should take place at the preliminary stage to establish minimum/maximum delivery times. This information can then be included within the deliberations of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (7) That in both contract documentation and pre-commencement meetings, the timetable, key milestones and lead times should clearly be addressed.
- (8) That the scheduling of all outdoor contracts should, where possible, be confined to the Spring to Autumn period and not spread into the Winter months, unless for exceptional reasons.

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- (9) That the Council purchase 6 signage boards for display by contractors to provide on site information for the public to identify the scheme as a Council project and to provide such information as contract duration, estimated completion and Council contact point.
- (10) That the Council's Approved List of Contractors should include a rider at the bottom of the list stating that "The above companies have been vetted for inclusion on the approved list in terms of their financial standing, capacity, past performance and areas of expertise. However, the vetting has only been within those areas of work applied for and the inclusion of firms on the approved list should not be seen as an endorsement by the Council of the company or its workmanship".
- (11) That within the overall contracting process, Ward Councillors and Group Leaders should be advised in advance of the commencement of development works contracts within their ward and included in a quality feedback loop as part of the assessment of the success of that contract.
- (12) That a Lead Officer be identified and named as a contact point for each contract.
- (13) That the contracts procedure appended to the report be adopted across the Council for building and works contracts.
- (14) That Essex County Council Highways be requested to arrange for its main highways contractor, Alfred McAlpine, to attend and give a presentation to the late November meeting of Transportation and Environmental Services Committee to explain its role under the Contract 2000 process in respect of the management and maintenance of the highway and footpath network within Rochford District. (CD(F&ES))

369 PROVISION OF FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL PITCH/BASKETBALL AREA, POOLES LANE RECREATION GROUND, HULLBRIDGE

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive on proposals for the provision of a five-a-side football pitch/basketball area, Pooles Lane Recreation Ground, Hullbridge.

During debate, some Members referred to the high number of responses from the Crouch Park residents which were against the proposal and the possibility that the site location should be further reviewed to a position with less potential for noise and nuisance. Other Members felt that it was unlikely siting proposals could be improved. Consultation had been both detailed and extensive and there was value in proceeding at the earliest possibility given the benefits for

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young people. It was observed that residents living near to recreation grounds should perhaps be mindful of the type of facilities which are likely to be introduced.

Responding to Member questions, Officers advised that:-

- The Parish Council would be introducing fencing to contain ball games. Location any nearer to the river may cause problems in terms of levels, flooding, existing pitch provision and access. Passive supervision issues were also a factor.
- Planning permission would be required for the scheme.
- There are a number of examples of parks within the District where dual use is made of hard surfaces.

On a motion moved by Councillor G Fox and seconded by Councillor C R Morgan it was:-

Resolved

That the proposal as outlined in the report (a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes) be approved for implementation, subject to planning approval. (CD(F&ES))

370 PARISH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE – BID SUBMISSIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive setting out bids received under the Parish Partnership Initiative.

Prior to commencement of debate, the Chief Executive advised of recent correspondence received from Foulness Parish Council asking for financial assistance in the sum of £4,000 for the purpose of adding to existing equipment at the Parish play area. It was agreed that this application could be considered should there be any residual sums once the applications identified in the report had been determined. It was also noted that Hockley Parish Council would be interested in the possibility of financial assistance in relation to the Laburnam Grove play area should any residual sums be available.

Responding to Member questions, Officers advised that:-

- The use of monies previously requested by Foulness Parish Council for the provision of play equipment would be investigated.
- In corresponding with Parish Clerks, the District Council had set out the criteria for bid submission.

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- Parish Councils may have access to other grant sources for play equipment purposes.

During debate of the application from Rayleigh Town Council relating to provision of a skateboard facility, some concern was expressed at the possibility that the proposal could lead to night time vandalism problems. Reference was made to the low number of responses to the consultation exercise and to the possibility that consultation should have been more extensive (particularly given the location on a major route). It was recognised that location aspects would be considered as part of the planning process. Members also noted that the Town Council had agreed the scheme and submitted applications for lottery funding as well as the bid to the District. Reference was made to the intention that smaller Parishes benefit.

The Committee agreed a motion moved by Councillor Mrs J Helson and seconded by Councillor V H Leach relating to the bid submission by Rayleigh Town Council together with the suggestions of the Chairman relating to additional conditions, and it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the grant application from Barling Parish Council for matched funding of £5,000 towards the refurbishment of the Parish play area be approved.
- (2) That the grant application from Hullbridge Parish Council for £2,907.50 towards the provision of new closed circuit television equipment at Pooles Lane car park, Hullbridge, be approved, subject to Officers investigating in the first instance the possibility of providing this level of grant support via the "Communities against Drugs" initiative rather than via the Parish Partnership Fund.
- (3) That the application from Rayleigh Town Council for the underwriting of any shortfall in respect of the provision of the skateboard facility be refused.
- (4) That the grant application from Ashingdon Parish Council for £7,117 towards the provision of a new skateboard facility at Ashingdon Playing Field be approved, subject to any necessary permissions being obtained and further detailed discussions as to its siting, maintenance, access etc., given its proposed location within the playing field.
- (5) That all projects funded through such grant aid should recognise the support given by the District Council in any literature/signage/publicity produced as a result.

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- (6) That the design of any equipment provided through such grant be agreed by this Authority.
- (7) That any equipment provided through such grant aid should not be removed without the prior approval of the District Council.
- (8) That, where grant aid is given, the appropriate Parish/Town Council is made aware that the District Council accepts no responsibility for any further capital or revenue costs associated with the project.
- (9) That any insurance associated with projects achieved through grant aid be the responsibility of the appropriate Parish/Town Councils. (CE)

371 PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE – FEEDBACK FROM RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive on the latest decision taken by the Town Council on the proposed Environmental Centre at the Windmill site.

Resolved

That officers seek formal clarification from Rayleigh Town Council in connection with its intentions on the future of the proposed Environmental Centre adjoining the Windmill at Rayleigh, the Town Council to be asked to reach a decision on this matter no later than six months from the date of this meeting. (CE)

372 NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATING DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Revenue & Housing Management on two applications for Discretionary Rate Relief.

Resolved

That Discretionary Rate Relief be granted as follows:-

- 1. The Olive Tree Centre – 20% (top-up) Rate Relief from 1 July 1999 and the 7 January 2001.
- 2. Arts Labyrinth – 50% Discretionary Rate Relief from 11 June 1999. (HRHM)

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373 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) on increasing the level of the Vice-Chairman's allowance during the period of incapacity of the Chairman.

Resolved

That the Vice-Chairman of the Council be paid an allowance of £2,160 per annum pro-rata for the period of time in which he is standing-in for the Chairman. (CD(F&ES))

374 RATING VALUATION

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Revenue & Housing Management on the recent Lands Tribunal decision on East Sussex Leisure Centres and the impact on the business rate payable in respect of Clements Hall Leisure Centre.

Resolved

That, as national negotiations progress, the local effect on Clements Hall Leisure Centre be fed into the 2002/3 budget process. (HRHM)

375 CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS – MONITORING REPORT

The Committee received the report of the Head of Revenue & Housing Management on the use of delegated authority for orders over £5,000 for the period 31 March to 30 September 2001-10-16

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

376 REDUCTION OR REMISSION OF BUSINESS RATE LIABILITY (HARDSHIP RELIEF) TO BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE – SECTION 49 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1988

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Head of Revenue & Housing Management on four applications from local businesses for financial support.

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On motions moved by Cllr P F A Webster and seconded by Cllr T G Cutmore it was:-

Resolved

That the four businesses identified in the exempt report (a copy of which is appended to the signed copy of these Minutes) each be granted 50% remission from their business rate liability. (HRHM)

The Meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

Chairman

Date