

SELECT COMMITTEE
ON CULTURE AND RECREATION

Thursday, 23rd June, 2005, at 6.00 pm.
The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Southall (Chairman)
Councillors Attwood, Crumpton, Harley, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Pearce and
Tyler

OFFICERS:-

Assistant Director of Law and Property (Corporate Estate Services) (as
Lead Officer to the Committee), Assistant Director of the Urban
Environment (Culture and Community Services), The Personnel Manager
and Principal Personnel Officer (Directorate of the Urban Environment)
and Mr Sanders (Directorate of Law and Property)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12th
April, 2005, be approved as a correct record and signed.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared a personal prejudicial interest, in accordance with
the Members Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered
at this meeting.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of
Councillors Simms and C L Woodall.

4. **SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

It was reported that Councillor Harley was serving in place of Councillor
Simms for this meeting of the Committee only.

5. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting and no
issues raised by members of the public were reported.

Consideration was given to the principle of continuing with this item on the agenda and it was

RESOLVED

That the Public Consultation item on agendas be continued with.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

A report of the Lead Officer setting out the terms of reference and rules of procedure applicable to the Committee was submitted.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

7. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE FOR 2005/06

A report of the Lead Officer was submitted setting out the proposed work programme of the Committee for the 2005/06 municipal year.

In the discussion on this issue, reference was made to the need for the Committee to consider insurance arrangements made for community groups using Council premises. Consideration was also given to the issue of Himley Development Fund but it was accepted that this could be dealt with by the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chairman and minority group spokesman

Consideration was also given to seating at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, which it was reported that Brierley Hill Area Committee were keen to pursue. It was considered that this issue could be dealt with in the same manner as proposed by the Committee for Stourbridge Town Hall in the resolution to minute 75 of the meeting of the Committee held on 12th April, 2005.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, subject to resolution (2) below, the work programme of the Committee for the 2005/06 municipal year, as proposed in paragraph 2.1 of the report now submitted, be approved, viz;

(2) That the work programme also include;

- Insurance arrangements for community groups using Council premises.
- Seating at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.
- Budget for 2006/07.
- Scrutiny of any decisions referred to the Committee under the call-in arrangements.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT

The Equality and Diversity Annual Report for the Directorate of the Urban Environment was submitted.

In attending the meeting to present the report the Personnel Manager and the Principal Personnel Officer in the Directorate of the Urban Environment made particular reference to objectives DUE 1, DUE 2, DUE 9 and DUE 10 in appendix 2 to the report now submitted. In relation to objective DUE 2 it was confirmed that all reports had now been completed by the target date.

A question and answer session followed in which particular reference was made to objective DUE 8A. Further to the discussion on this issue, consideration was given to ways in which representatives of minority and disadvantaged groups could better engage with the Committee and a suggestion by the Lead Officer that such representatives could be invited to attend meetings of the Committee and participate when services under the remit of the Committee were being considered, was supported.

A lengthy discussion then took place on aspects of inclusiveness in certain facilities which had the benefit of Council support in which the Assistant Director of the Urban Environment (Culture and Community Services) agreed to consider ways in which to encourage such organisations to widen their parameters when seeking members.

The meeting ended at 7:05 pm

CHAIRMAN

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