

Swindon Borough Council

Appeals Committee

Monday, 27 June 2005

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices, Swindon (Anticipated meeting room)

At 5.35 p.m.

Conservative Councillors

Colin Lovell (Chair)
Melanie Duff (Vice-
Chair)
Bernard Baker
Ian Dobie
Lisa Hawkes
Dale Heenan
Jemima Milton
Philip Sharp
Douglas Stewart

Labour Councillors

Mavis Childs
Maureen Dilley
Andy Harrison
David Glaholm
Peter Mallinson

Liberal Democrat Councillors

Stan Pajak

Independent Councillors

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AGENDA

PART 1 (PUBLIC ITEMS)

- 1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year, 2005/06**
(To note the appointment, by Council, of Councillor Colin Lovell as chair and Councillor Melanie Duff as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year, 2005/06)
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Minutes** (Pages 1 - 2)
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2004.
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.
- 5. Public Question Time**
See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance.
- 6. Local Government Act 1989 - Section 15: Review of Political Balance Arrangements**

"That Committees be reminded of their duty to carry out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and recommended that, having carried out the review, they continue to apply the political balance provisions. (Recommendation of Swindon Borough Council held on 20th May 2005.)

(See report of Director of Law and Corporate Governance to Annual Meeting of the Borough Council for details of the political balance arrangements.)

7. Appointment of Sub-Committees

- (a) Ad Hoc Appeals Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership – 7 Members on a basis of four Conservative Group Members, two Labour Group Members and one Liberal Democrat Group Member.)
- (b) Education Appeals Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership – 3 Members to be drawn from a nominated pool.)
- (c) Staff Appeals Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership – 7 Members to be drawn from a nominated pool.)
- (d) Social Services Review Panel. (Recommended Membership – 3 Members to be drawn from a nominated pool.)
- (e) Council Tax Benefits Review Board. (Recommended Membership – 3 Members to be drawn from a nominated pool.)
- (f) Introductory Tenancy Panel. (Recommended Membership – 3 Members to be drawn from a nominated pool.)

Date of Despatch: 17 June 2005

Public Question Time - Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Corporate Governance is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.

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APPEALS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY, 2004

PRESENT:- Councillor Peter Greenhalgh, Councillor John Ballman, Councillor Mavis Childs, Councillor Maureen Dilley, Councillor Ian Dobie, Councillor Melanie Duff, Councillor Maurice Fanning, Councillor Andy Harrison, Councillor Lisa Hawkes, Councillor Dale Heenan, Councillor Colin Lovell, Councillor Philip Sharp, Councillor Douglas Stewart and Councillor David Wren.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fay Howard, Councillor Jemima Milton and Councillor Stan Pajak.

1. Appointment of Chair

Resolved - That the appointment, by Special Committee, of Councillor Peter Greenhalgh as Chair of the Committee be noted.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved - That Councillor Colin Lovell be Vice-Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year, 2004/5.

3. Local Government Act 1989 - Section 15 : Review of Political Balance Arrangements

Resolved - That, further to Minute 14(2) of the Borough Council and having carried out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989 this Committee continue to apply the political balance arrangements under the Act.

4. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be discussed at the meeting.

5. Apologies for Absence

6. Public Question Time

No questions were asked under Standing Order 28.

7. Appointment of Sub-Committees

Resolved - (1) That a Council Tax Benefit Review Board be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2004/5" and comprising 3 Members to be drawn from Councillors John Ballman, Mavis Childs, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning, Peter Greenhalgh, Lisa Hawkes, Andy Harrison, Dale Heenan, Fay Howard, Colin Lovell, Jemima Milton, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp, Douglas Stewart and David Wren.

(All Councillors to be appointed substitutes for their relevant political group.)

(2) That an Education Appeals Sub-Committee be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2004/5" and comprising 3 Members to be drawn from Councillors John Ballman, Mavis Childs, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning, Peter Greenhalgh, Lisa Hawkes, Andy Harrison, Dale Heenan, Fay Howard, Colin Lovell, Jemima Milton, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp, Douglas Stewart and David Wren.

(All Councillors to be appointed substitutes for their relevant political group.)

(3) That a Social Services Review Panel be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2004/5" and comprising 3 Members to be drawn from Councillors John Ballman, Mavis Childs, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning, Peter Greenhalgh, Lisa Hawkes, Andy Harrison, Dale Heenan, Fay Howard, Colin Lovell, Jemima Milton, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp, Douglas Stewart and David Wren.

(All Councillors to be appointed substitutes for their relevant political group.)

(4) That a Introductory Tenancy Panel be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2004/5" and comprising 3 Members to be drawn from Councillors John Ballman, Mavis Childs, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning, Peter Greenhalgh, Lisa Hawkes, Andy Harrison, Dale Heenan, Fay Howard, Colin Lovell, Jemima Milton, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp, Douglas Stewart and David Wren.

(All Councillors to be appointed substitutes for their relevant political group.)

(5) That an Ad Hoc Appeals Sub-Committee be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2004/5" and comprising Councillors Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, Andy Harrison, Dale Heenan, Colin Lovell, Stan Pajak and David Wren.

(All Councillors to be appointed substitutes for their relevant political group.)

(6) That a Staff Appeals Sub-Committee be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2004/5" and comprising Councillors Melanie Duff, Maurice Fanning, Colin Lovell, Jemima Milton, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp and David Wren.

(All Councillors to be appointed substitutes for their relevant political group.)