

Swindon Borough Council

Appeals Committee

Friday, 19 May 2006

Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Swindon (Anticipated meeting room)

At 3.30 p.m. (Or upon the rising of the Annual Meeting of Swindon Borough Council.)

To: All Members of the Council

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 27th June, 2005.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 to the meeting of Swindon Borough Council on 19th May 2006.)

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

6. Appointment of Sub-Committees

- (a) Ad Hoc Appeals Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership – 7 Members on a basis of five Conservative Group Members and two Labour Group Members.)
- (b) Education Appeals Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership – 3 Members to be drawn from a nominated pool.)
- (c) Staff Appeals Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership – 7 Recommended Membership – 7 Members on a basis of five Conservative Group Members and two Labour Group Members.)
- (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: 11 May 2006

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 Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.*

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APPEALS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2005

PRESENT:- Councillor Colin Lovell (Chair), Councillor Maureen Dilley, Councillor Ian Dobie, Councillor Andy Harrison, Councillor Douglas Stewart, Councillor David Glaholm, Councillor Peter Mallinson, Councillor Sinead Darker and Councillor Wendy Johnson, Peter Mallinson and Douglas Stewart.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Melanie Duff, Councillor Lisa Hawkes, Councillor Dale Heenan, Councillor Jemima Milton, Councillor Stan Pajak and Councillor Philip Sharp.

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year, 2005/06

Resolved - That the appointment, by Council of Councillor Colin Lovell as Chair and Councillor Melanie Duff as Vice-Chair be noted.

2. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2004, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

4. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

5. 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 and Housing Act 1989 this Committee continue to apply political balance arrangements under the Act.

6. Appointment of Sub-Committees

Resolved – (1) That an Ad hoc Appeals Sub-Committee be appointed having the functions set out in the document “Swindon Council Constitution 2005/06” and comprising Councillors Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, David Glaholm, Andy Harrison, Dale Heenan, Colin Lovell and Stan Pajak.

(All Councillors to be appointed substitutes for their relevant political group, and subject to having received training and those Members serving on this Committee be called first.)

(2) That a Council Tax Benefits Review Board be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2005/06" and comprising 3 Councillors to be drawn from Bernard Baker, Mavis Childs, Sinead Darker, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, David Glaholm, Andy Harrison, Lisa Hawkes, Dale Heenan, Colin Lovell, Peter Mallinson, Jemima Milton, Des Moffatt, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp and Douglas Stewart.

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

(3) That an Education Appeals Sub-Committee be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2005/06" and comprising 3 Councillors to be drawn from Bernard Baker, Mavis Childs, Sinead Darker, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, David Glaholm, Andy Harrison, Lisa Hawkes, Dale Heenan, Colin Lovell, Peter Mallinson, Jemima Milton, Des Moffatt, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp and Douglas Stewart.

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

(4) That an Introductory Tenancy Review Board be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2005/06" and comprising 3 Councillors to be drawn from Bernard Baker, Mavis Childs, Sinead Darker, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, David Glaholm, Andy Harrison, Lisa Hawkes, Dale Heenan, Colin Lovell, Peter Mallinson, Jemima Milton, Des Moffatt, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp and Douglas Stewart.

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

(5) That a Social Services Review Panel be appointed having the functions set out in the document "Swindon Council Constitution 2005/06" and comprising 3 Councillors to be drawn from Bernard Baker, Mavis Childs, Sinead Darker, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, David Glaholm, Andy Harrison, Lisa Hawkes, Dale Heenan, Colin Lovell, Peter Mallinson, Jemima Milton, Des Moffatt, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp and Douglas Stewart.

(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 2005/06" and comprising 7 Councillors to be drawn from Bernard Baker, Mavis Childs, Sinead Darker, Maureen Dilley, Ian Dobie, Melanie Duff, David Glaholm, Andy Harrison, Lisa Hawkes, Dale Heenan, Colin Lovell, Peter Mallinson, Jemima Milton, Des Moffatt, Stan Pajak, Philip Sharp and Douglas Stewart.

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

(7) That this Committee's Sub-Committees be appointed by Annual Council in future years.