

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15th AUGUST, 2002

PRESENT:- Councillor Kevin Small in the Chair; Councillors Steve Allsopp, Mike Bawden, Ian Dobie and Wendy Johnson.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sue Bates.

Councillor Mike Every having arrived after the start of the meeting attended in respect of Minute 22.

Chair -
Councillor SUE BATES

Vice-Chair –
Councillor KEVIN SMALL

MINUTES FOR REPORT

19. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August, 2002, be confirmed and signed.

20. Section 100A(4), Local Government Act 1972

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of matters referred to in Item 6 of the Notice of the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. (Minute 22 refers.)

21. Public Question Time

No questions were asked in accordance with Standing Order 28.

22. Voluntary Severance Arrangements

The Committee considered (a) a joint report submitted by the Director of Resources and the Borough Solicitor dated 14th August, 2002, concerning the Voluntary Severance of employee 102851A and the necessary consequential management arrangements, and (b) an oral report by the Head of Core Personnel on the negotiations that had taken place and the basis of a proposed final settlement and Voluntary Severance agreement with employee 102851A. (Minute 18 refers.)

Resolved – (1) That, in consultation with the Director of Resources and the Borough Solicitor, the three Political Group Leaders be authorised to agree the voluntary severance arrangements for employee 102851A, and (a) the final day of service be agreed as 31st August 2002, and (b) a period of paid leave be granted from 19th August, to 31st August, 2002.

(2) That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into a compromise agreement with employee 102851A on such terms as the Borough Solicitor and the Director of Resources consider will protect the interests of the Council.

(3) That Simon Birch, Director of Environmental Services, be appointed interim Head of Paid Service with effect from 1st September 2002, and to deputise for the Chief Executive in the period 19th to 31st August, 2002.

(4) The interim Head of Paid Service be authorised to carry out the administrative and operational functions of the Chief Executive as set out in the various parts of the Constitution save for the following which shall be carried out by the post holder named –

Delegations

- a. Education (Statutory Chief Education Officer) – to be specified after consultation between the Interim Head of Paid Service and the Department for Education and Skills;
- b. Elections (Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer) -Borough Solicitor;

Proper Officer Functions

- a. Local Government Act 1972 (procedural matters) – Borough Solicitor;
- b. Representation of the Peoples Act (election matters) – Borough Solicitor.

(5) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Constitution in consultation with the three Political Group Leaders.