

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 2002

PRESENT:- Councillor Kevin Small in the Chair; Councillors Anne Baxter, Mike Bawden, David Cox and Ian Dobie.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mike Every.

Chair -
Councillor KEVIN SMALL

Vice-Chair –
Councillor DAVID COX

MINUTES FOR REPORT

32. Declarations of Interest

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

33. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September, 2002, be confirmed and signed.

34. Section 100B(4)(b), Local Government Act 1972

In accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair determined that an additional item concerning “Representation on the Education Partnership Board” be considered as a matter of urgency to enable the proposed change in the Labour Group’s representation on the Education Partnership Board to take place prior to the Board’s meeting on 24th October, 2002.

35. 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 the matters referred to in Item 6 of the Notice of the Meeting on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. (Minute 38 refers.)

36. Public Question Time

No questions were asked in accordance with Standing Order 28.

37. Representation on the Education Partnership Board

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report dated 18th October, 2002, concerning a proposed change in the representation of the Council’s Labour Group on the Education

Partnership Board.

Resolved – (1) That Councillor Jim D’Avila, Lead Member for Education and Lifelong Learning, replace Councillor Kevin Small as the Council’s Labour Group representative on the Education Partnership Board, with immediate effect.

(2) That, subject to clarification by the Borough Solicitor of the position regarding the appointment of deputies, Councillors Bernard Baker for the Conservative Group, Councillor Wendy Johnson for the Liberal Democrat Group and Councillors Chris Eley and Kevin Small for the Labour Group, be appointed to serve as deputies on the Education Partnership Board.

(3) That, further to the decisions in (1) and (2) above, the Borough Solicitor be authorised, if required, to seek to vary the existing contract and agreements with regard to the establishment of the Education Partnership Board in order to enable the appropriate representation by the political groups on the Council at meetings of the Education Partnership Board.

38. Staffing Matters / Voluntary Severance – Housing and Social Services

The Head of Core Personnel reported on the outcome of negotiations on Voluntary Severance with employee 426604A of the Housing and Social Services Department.

Resolved - (1) That the Interim Head of Paid Service be authorised to agree the voluntary severance of employee 426604A in consultation with the Director of Resources and the Borough Solicitor and the final day of service be agreed as 31st October, 2002.

(2) That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into a compromise agreement with employee 426604A on such terms as the Borough Solicitor and the Director of Resources consider will protect the interests of the Council.