

Swindon Borough Council

Special Committee

Wednesday, 10 May 2006

Function Room, Civic Offices, Swindon (Anticipated meeting room)

At 11.00 a.m.

Conservative Councillors

Mike Bawden (Chair)
Roderick Bluh (Vice-Chair)
Ian Dobie
Garry Perkins
Fionuala Foley (Deputy)
Nick Martin (Deputy)
Jemima Milton (Deputy)
David Renard (Deputy)
Justin Tomlinson (Deputy)
Andrew Bennett (Deputy)

Labour Councillors

Barrie Thompson
Kevin Small
Mavis Childs (Deputy)
Maureen Dilley (Deputy)
Maurice Fanning (Deputy)
David Glaholm (Deputy)
Derique Montaut (Deputy)
Fay Howard (Deputy)
Des Moffatt (Deputy)

Liberal Democrat Councillors

Wendy Johnson
Mike Every (Deputy)
Stan Pajak (Deputy)
Chris Shepherd (Deputy)
Martin Wiltshire (Deputy)

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AGENDA

PART 1 (PUBLIC ITEMS)

1. Apologies for Absence.

2. 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.

3. Minutes. (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2006.

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. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public.

Certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information and the Standards Committee is, therefore, recommended to resolve "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 the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information".

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph No.</u>
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PART 2 (TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT)

6. Granville Street Regeneration. (DP-R) (Pages 3 - 6)

Date of Despatch: 02 May 2006

Key:

Officers:

- GDR - Group Director: Resources
- DP-R - Director of Property - Resources

Ward:

EAS - Eastcott

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.

Access Arrangements – The Venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you would wish to attend the meeting but have any special requirement to enable you to do so please contact the Committee Clerk above, as soon as possible prior to the date of the meeting.

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Special Committee - Terms of Reference

The Special Committee shall have delegated to it the power to act for the Council on the advice of the Chief Executive on any policy decision or any particular matter that is urgent and necessary in the best interests of the Council.

The quorum of the Committee shall be three.

Deputy Members may be appointed at the Annual or any meeting of the Council.

Minutes of any proceedings of this Committee shall be submitted to the Council.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2005

PRESENT:- Councillors Mike Bawden (Chair), Ian Dobie, Garry Perkins, Barrie Thompson, Kevin Small, Wendy Johnson and Fionuala Foley (Deputy).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Roderick Bluh (Vice-Chair).

20. 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.

21. Minutes.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2005, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

22. Public Question Time.

No public questions were received in accordance with Standing Order 28.

23. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved - 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 Items 6 and 7 of the Notice of the Meeting on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. (Minutes 24 and 25 refer.)

24. Group Director, Housing and Social Care.

The Chief Executive submitted a report dated 26th October 2005, concerning the approval of a secondment to the role of Group Director, Housing and Social Care.

The Chief Executive referred to the difficulties that had been encountered in recruiting an appropriate person to the post of Group Director, Housing and Social Care, and to an opportunity that had arisen for the secondment of the Chief Executive of the Swindon Primary Care Trust to this post for a twelve month term.

The Committee met with Ms. Jan Stubbings, Chief Executive of the Swindon Primary Care Trust, to discuss her interest in the secondment and on the steps that had been taken, and that could be introduced, to ensure that there would be no conflict of interest between her continuing role with the Primary Care Trust and her proposed role at the Council.

Resolved – (1) That the secondment of Ms. Jan Stubbings, Chief Executive, Swindon Primary Care Trust, from the Swindon Primary Care Trust for a twelve month term commencing in November 2005, be approved.

(2) That Ms. Jan Stubbings be appointed as Group Director, Housing and Social Care, for a twelve month term with effect from a date in November 2005 to be determined by the Chief Executive.

(3) That the Chief Executive be authorised to agree the specific terms of the secondment with Ms. Stubbings and the National Health Service, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

(3) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Law and Democratic Services, the Leader of the Council and the other political group leaders, be authorised to agree and enter into a protocol agreement with Ms. Jan Stubbings and the National Health Service, on the avoidance of any “conflict of interest” arising between the roles of Chief Executive of Swindon Primary Care Trust and Group Director, Housing and Social Care, and identifying how if a “conflict of interest” did occur this would be dealt with.

25. Establishment of Staff Officer Role.

The Director of Human Resources submitted a report dated 27th October 2005, concerning the establishment of a new role of Staff Officer to the Council Administration.

The Director of Human Resources referred to the reasons for the proposed establishment of the Staff Officer post at this time and its implications for the existing post of Political Assistant.

Resolved - That the Director of Human Resources be authorised to establish the post of “Staff Officer to the Council Administration” with immediate effect, on the basis set out in the report of the Director of Human Resources dated 27th October 2005, and consistent with the Job Description referred to in Appendix 1 to that report.

Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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