

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2009

PRESENT:- Councillors Roderick Bluh (Chair), Fionuala Foley (Vice-Chair), Brian Mattock, David Renard and Derique Montaut.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stan Pajak and James Grant.

6. Declarations of Interest

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

7. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2009, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked under Standing Order 28.

9. Sustainable Community Strategy – Proposed Supplementary Note

The Director of Policy, Performance and Communications and the Leader of the Council submitted a joint report concerning a proposal to update the Council's statutory "Sustainable Community Strategy – A Shared Vision for Swindon 2008-2030" by way of a Supplementary Note in order to reflect the wish to enhance the local economy by establishing Swindon Commercial Services Limited as a separate legal entity from Swindon Borough Council.

The Director of Law and Democratic Services referred to the linkages between the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy and use of the "Well Being" powers available to local authorities under the Local Government Act 2000. He referred to the proposal to establish Swindon Commercial Services as an "arms length" company, and on the reasons why the Council might wish, at some stage, to make use of the "Well Being" powers available to it to support the transition and development of that new body. He explained the proposed changes deemed necessary to the Strategy to ensure that the necessary linkages were in place.

Resolved – That the proposed Supplementary Note for inclusion in the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy ("Sustainable Community Strategy – A Shared Vision for Swindon 2008-2030"), as detailed in the joint report, be approved.

10. Appointment to Outside Body

The Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a report concerning a request received from the Council's Conservative group to change its representation on the Local Government Information Unit for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Resolved – (1) That Councillor Roderick Bluh be appointed, as a replacement for Councillor Fionuala Foley, to serve as the Council's representative on the Local

Government Information Unit, with effect from 10th December 2009, for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2009/10 (Councillor Kevin Small would remain as a deputy serving on this body).

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services be requested to make the necessary changes to the Council's Committee Composition List.