# MINUTE EXTRACT



Minutes of the Meeting of the RESOURCES AND CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 15 MARCH 2007 at 5.30pm

### PRESENT:

Councillor Renold- Chair
Councillor Johnson – Conservative Spokesperson
Councillor Fitch – Focus Team Spokesperson

Councillor Bhatti
Councillor Hunt

Councillor Hall Councillor Karim

**Councillor Porter** 

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#### 81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests that they might have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Fitch declared a prejudicial interest in item 9, Housing Benefit Annual Progress Report, as he worked for the Housing Department.

Councillor Porter declared a prejudicial interest in item 15; Application of Discretion under the Teachers' Pension Scheme, as his partner was a teacher.

## 89. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - THIRD QUARTER 2006/07

The Chief Executive submitted a report which tracked the Council's performance in delivering services to citizens at a corporate level. Members were informed that following an improved performance, the council would not now be declared a Planning Standards Authority. Members were also pleased to hear that overall satisfaction by local people in the Council had risen.

A Member questioned whether composted recycled waste derived from the Ball Mill at the recycling facility at Bursom was used on farmland as he had heard that the Environment Agency did not approve of such use. Officers informed him that such waste was not currently used on agricultural land, but it was in use as "fill" on building sites and in certain types of fuel.

Another Member discussed the increase in the number of families in temporary accommodation and expressed a concern that this number would rise further

because social housing was now a lower priority in developer contribution negotiations for planning applications.

# RESOLVED:

that the report, and in particularly the overall satisfaction in the Council be noted.