



Leicester
City Council

MINUTES
EXTRACT

(ii)

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
FINANCE, RESOURCES AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Blackmore - Chair
Councillor Mrs. Middleton - Conservative Spokesperson
Councillor Connelly - Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Coley

Councillor Soulsby

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any interests that they might have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No declarations were made.

93. HEATING AND VENTILATION AT WELFORD HOUSE

At the request of the Chair, the Head of Property Management gave a verbal update on the heating and ventilation situation at Welford House. GMB were also present for discussions on this item.

The Committee noted that there were problems with the system at Welford House. However, the building was part of a Centrally Located Administrative Building (CLABS) review, and a future use for the building was still being identified. Until such a use had been identified, it was not practical to install a new heating and ventilation system.

GMB informed the Committee that this had been an on going problem for a number of years. The Health and Safety Executive had been called in, and the possibility of legal claims against the council was noted. It was also pointed out that the Council had a legal responsibility as an employer to provide a suitable working environment for its employees.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee urge Cabinet to identify the future use of the building and allocate sufficient resources as a matter of urgency to enable the situation to be rectified so that the Council's responsibility as an employer can be met.

