

MINUTES EXTRACT



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Hunt - Chair
Councillor Soulsby - Labour Spokesperson
Councillor Mugglestone - Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Henry
Councillor Hunter

Councillor Sood
Councillor Thomas

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59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Mugglestone declared a personal interest in Report B, 'Capital Budget Monitoring 2002/2003 – Period 8' and Report C, 'Review of SRB – Funded Area Regeneration Programmes' in so far as they related to SRB6 as his wife was a Director of the Greater Humberstone Management Trust and a member of the Management Team. He did not however consider this to be prejudicial as the report did not relate to any benefit or disbenefit financial or otherwise to either him or his wife.

Councillor Mugglestone also declared a personal interest in Report D, 'Advice Services – Annual Review' as his wife was employed by the Leicester Law Centre however as long as the discussion remained on general issues he did not consider he had a prejudicial interest, however if the discussion were to specifically refer to the Leicester Law Centre, he would leave the meeting.

Councillor Mugglestone also declared a personal interest in Report E, 'A New Strategy For International Development' as both he and his wife were members of the Town Twinning Association but this was not considered to be prejudicial as there was no benefit or disbenefit financial or otherwise to him or his wire,

arising from the contents of the report.

Councillor Hunter declared a personal interest in Report C, 'Review of SRB – Funded Area Regeneration Programmes', as she was a Governor of Medway Primary School which had previously received SRB funding, this was not considered to be prejudicial.

67. A NEW STRATEGY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Service Director, Regeneration submitted a report setting out proposals for new International Development Strategy and detailed how the Council and its partners should approach international development in future.

Members of the Committee welcomed the new emphasis of the Council's International Links which focused more on economic factors as opposed to civic engagement. Highlighted in particular were the efforts to improve trade links with Japan in the scientific field which fitted in the Leicester Regeneration Company Masterplan.

RESOLVED:

that the Committee gives its support to the new Strategy for International Development.