



Leicester
City Council

MINUTES EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST 2003 at 4.00pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Draycott - Chair
Councillor Smith - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson
Councillor Allen - Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Corrall
Councillor Karim

Councillor Getliffe (for Cllr Shelton)
Councillor Keeling (for Cllr Almey)

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16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

The following personal and prejudicial interests were declared in Minute 21 – Stock Options Appraisal, Minute 25 – Collection of Water Charges, Minute 26 Chestnut Pale Fencing, and Minute 27 – Window Replacement Prioritisation.

Councillor Corrall – related to tenant of a Council property
Councillor Draycott – related to tenant of a Council property
Councillor Getliffe – tenant of, and related to tenant of Council property
Councillor Smith – tenant of Council property
Chris Cronogue – tenant of Council property

Members were advised that the interests did not apply under the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct, Paragraph 10(d), and therefore these Councillors and Mrs Cronogue could remain in the meeting, and take part in discussion on these items.

24. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development submitted a report which sought to clarify the process and framework for negotiating developer contributions which could be sought as a result of development in the City. The report also took forward issues resulting from the 'Affordable Housing and the Planning Process' report considered by

Cabinet on 27 January 2003, when they had agreed to the creation of a dedicated 'Developer Contributions' post.

The report set out a draft protocol and working procedures for securing contributions and proposed the next stage for the production of detailed Supplementary Planning Guidance to set out the City Council's priorities in seeking contributions. The report also examined the role of the post created to co-ordinate work on this issue, and the possible role of a Member Advisory Panel.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the draft protocol for the assessment of development proposals, and the production of Supplementary Planning Guidance, as set out in Appendix A of the report, as Corporate Procedure, be noted;
- 2) that the Cabinet decision in January 2003, to create the 'Developer Contributions' post, and agreement to fund this for a 12 month period from the Planning Delivery Grant, together with a bid to the Leicester Shire Economic Partnership, be further discussed by the Housing Scrutiny Committee Triumvirate as a matter of urgency; and
- 3) that, it be further noted that, in the light of advice from the Assistant Head of Legal Services, a Members Advisory Panel would not be established.