



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE
EXTRACT

(X)

Minutes of the Meeting of the
HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2004 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

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

Councillor Karim
Councillor Shelton

Councillor Keeling
Councillor Waddington(for Cllr
Corrall)

Also in Attendance

Christine Cronogue - Leicester Federation of Tenants' Associations

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70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests 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.

Members declared the following personal and prejudicial interests in the whole agenda :

Councillor Shelton related to a tenant of a Council owned property/son employed by Leicester City Council Housing Department

Councillor Smith tenant of a Council owned property

Councillor Draycott related to a tenant of a Council owned property

Councillor Keeling tenant of a Council owned property

Christine Cronogue tenant of a Council owned property

Councillor Allen Member on the Board of North Memorial Homes (Minute 72 refers)

The prejudicial interests did not apply under the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct, Paragraph 10(d), and therefore they remained in the meeting, and took part in discussion on the items.

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71. BUDGET STRATEGY 2004/2-5 TO 2006/2007 - CRIME AND DISORDER-SERVICE DEVELOPMENT BIDS

The Corporate Director of Housing submitted a report which detailed proposals for the allocation of the 2004/2005 £100,000 growth budget for the Crime and Disorder Service Development Bids.

This included £60,000 for the creation of a Corporate Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator, a new Community Safety Police Officer, and a training budget to raise co-ordination and awareness of crime and disorder issues within the Authority, and £40,000 to employ a Partnership Manager for Leicester Partnership Against Crime and Disorder.

The Scrutiny Committee welcomed the proposals, but expressed their disappointment at the lack of contributions from other partners involved in the strategy, and asked that a six monthly progress report be brought back.

The Corporate Director of Housing undertook to request the Corporate Director of Social Care and Health to provide Members with information on the implications for one-off projects whose funding had now ceased.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet note the comments of the Scrutiny Committee, and be recommended to support the proposals contained in the report.

73. EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT REVENUE STRATEGY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture submitted a report seeking the views of the Scrutiny Committee on budget proposals which related to the Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference.

These included :

Proposal 16 – a charge of £45 for accommodation certificates for immigration purposes.

Proposal 19 – Suggested review of priorities such as the noise monitoring service.

Proposal 22 – Deletion of Head of Pollution Control post.

Councillor Draycott, seconded by Councillor Waddington, moved the following motion :

'that the Council's proposed draft budget cuts in their entirety, be not supported'.

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This was put to the vote, and won by three votes to one.

(Councillors Draycott, Waddington and Shelton – for)

(Councillor Karim – against)

(Councillors Allen, Smith and Keeling – abstained)

RESOLVED :

that these comments be reported to Cabinet.