



Leicester
City Council

**MINUTE
EXTRACT**

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

Held: THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2004 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Bhatti - Chair
Councillor Karim – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Garrity

Councillor Renold

Councillor Willmott

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17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no declarations of interest.

25. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2003/04

The Corporate Director, Resources, Access and Diversity, submitted a report to enable compliance with the requirements of the Council's Corporate Governance Code by carrying out an Annual Review of Corporate Governance arrangements for the year 2003/04, and enabled the Council's Leader and Chief Executive to sign a Corporate Assurance Statement.

The Committee expressed the view that in light of the recent judgement on the consultation around the cutting of funding to six voluntary groups, the Council's Consultation Strategy outlined in the report may need to be reviewed and amended as necessary.

Questions were also asked regarding issues around the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act in January 2005, and it was noted that steps had been taken to ensure that the Council was fully compliant.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That The report be noted, and
- (2) that the Committee recommend to Cabinet that the

consultation strategy be reviewed in light of the recent judicial review.