



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE
EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
RESOURCES AND CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2006 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Willmott - Chair
Councillor Renold – Spokesperson
Councillor Fitch - Spokesperson

Councillor J Blackmore

Councillor Karim

Councillor Kitterick

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests that 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.

Councillor Kitterick declared a personal and prejudicial interest in report C, 'Tracking Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) for 2006/07' as he received as one of his tenants at his house was in receipt of housing benefit.

Councillor Fitch declared a personal and prejudicial interest in report C, 'Tracking Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) for 2006/07' as he worked for the Department for Work and Pensions.

15. THE COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL TRANSPORT SERVICE

The Operational Transport Working Party submitted a report presenting the conclusions and recommendations of the investigation carried out by the Operational Transport Working Party.

Councillor Renold, as Chair of the Working Group outlined a number of the key issues that arose as part of the discussion. These included the achievement of savings, computer software for the service and safeguarding children issues.

Members thanked officers for the work they had done on this report. One member pointed out that there were two reports previously submitted to the Council's Corporate Director's Board which were referred to in the report which were not appended to the papers for the committee. It was requested that these papers be made public and included with the agenda when it was

submitted to Cabinet. Officers advised that these reports were confidential and had been shared with the working group on that basis.

Members raised queries about the budgets of the new Children and Young Peoples and the Adult and Community Services Departments. It was noted that it was not clear what the under-budgeting/over-spending relating to transport in each of these departments would be. Officers said this was clearly an issue and there was a fair degree of uncertainty. Regeneration and Culture does forecast its expenditure and budgets early in each annual budget process and passes this on to the client departments for their own financial planning purposes. Members of the Committee felt that these over-spends could be covered by the Council's corporate reserves.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the recommendations set out in the Final Report of Operational Transport Working Party "A Scrutiny Investigation into the Council's Operational Transport Service", June be endorsed;
- (2) that the comments of the Committee Members be noted;
- (3) that the Committee requests that the Corporate Directors Board paper mentioned in the report of the Transport Working Group, but not appended to the papers, be made public and included when Cabinet considers the report;
- (4) that a report be brought back to the Committee in three months time from the project team detailing progress made; and
- (5) that the financial problems in this financial year be addressed by Cabinet with the recommendation of the Committee being that corporate reserves be used for this purpose.