
CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee was held on 20 April 2004.

PRESENT: Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillors Mrs H Pearson and Porley.

OFFICIALS: G Barwick, J Bennington, C Davies, R Painter and B Siswell.

**** AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was submitted on behalf of Councillor J A Jones.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

**** MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee held on 14 January 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report regarding proposed election fees to be paid at Council and Parish elections in Middlesbrough.

The Appendix to the report submitted outlined a schedule of proposed fees which endeavoured to continue the process started last year whereby the fees for local elections were brought more into line with those paid at parliamentary elections.

The Committee was advised of the trend in recent years of fewer people applying to work on elections which had caused certain problems at the last full Council elections held in May 2003.

ORDERED that the proposed increased election fees as outlined in the report submitted be approved.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which outlined proposals put forward by the Boundary Commission for England in their review of the Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries in Middlesbrough

The Commission were required to keep the parliamentary constituencies in England under continuous review and periodically every 8 to 12 years, conduct a general review of all the constituencies in England at the same time and submit a report showing their recommendations to the Secretary of State. It was noted that the present constituencies took effect at the general election on 1 May 1997 and the current review started 2000.

The Commission had decided to review the four unitary authorities of Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees at the same time, which had resulted in an electoral quota of 69,934 for each of six constituencies.

The Commission's proposals attempted to realign the present constituency boundaries with the new boundaries, with the minimum of change.

It was acknowledged that there had previously been some confusion by the electorate over the boundaries of the Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland constituency. Details were given of alternative options, which attempted to recognise communities and maintain the Commission's electoral quota.

A copy of the Boundary Commission's News Release had been circulated to Members of the Council on 18 March 2004 and it was noted that no comments on the parliamentary boundaries had been received by 2 April 2004.

ORDERED as follows: -

1. That the proposals of the Boundary Commission for England be supported.
2. That the Boundary Commission for England be advised that the name of the constituency of Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland should remain the same.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES - LEA SCHOOL GOVERNORS - APPOINTMENTS

The Head of Education Planning and Information submitted a report relating to vacancies for LEA appointed School Governors which had arisen as a result of resignations, the expiry of terms of office or the removal of School Governors owing to non-attendance, and any vacancies deferred from previous meetings of the Corporate Affairs Committee.

Members were required to consider certain Governors whose terms of office would expire on 12 June, 31 August and 4 September 2004.

It was noted that there were currently 22 vacancies out of a total of 157 Governorships for LEA representatives, which equated to 13.5%.

In view of the forthcoming changes to Governing Body constitutional arrangements whereby the number of LEA Governors on each Governing Body was likely to reduce it was suggested that consideration be given to ensuring that there was adequate LEA representation on all Governing Bodies.

ORDERED as follows: -

1. That the following appointments be approved with immediate effect until such time as the respective Governing Body is reconstituted:

<u>School</u>	<u>Governors</u>
Archibald Primary	Rev. D Williams (subject to his approval)
Berwick Hills Primary	Councillor Lancaster
Corpus Christi R. C. Primary	Councillor Ferrier
St. Gerard's R. C. Primary	Mr P Darcy
St. David's R. C. Technology College	Councillor P Thompson
Tollesby School	Mr I Bruce

2. That the following appointments be approved for a four year term of office:

SCHOOL	GOVERNORS
Abingdon Primary	Mr A Hannaford
Ayresome Primary	Councillor K Walker
Caldicotes Primary	Mrs M Patterson (re-appointment from 1.9.04)
Captain Cook Primary	Councillor Mawston (re-appointment from 5.9.04)
Easterside Primary	Mr L Barnbrook (re-appointment from 1.9.04)

Kader Primary	Councillor Mrs H Pearson (re-appointment from 5.9.04), Rev. Hearne
Linthorpe Primary	Mr K Leavesley
Marton Manor Primary	Mr L Barnbrook (re-appointment from 1.9.04)
Newport Primary	Councillor Coppinger, Rev. M. Plant
North Ormesby Primary	Mrs D Dabb (re-appointment from 1.9.04)
Pallister Park Primary	Councillor Lancaster, Councillor Robson (re-appointment from 1.9.04), Mrs D Dabb (re-appointment from 1.9.04)
The Avenue Primary	Mr A Cockerill (re-appointment from 1.9.04), Mrs J McCall-Smith (re-appointment from 1.9.04)
Thorntree Primary	Councillor Ferrier (re-appointment from 1.9.04)
Viewley Hill Primary	Mr R Said (re-appointment from 1.9.04)
Acklam Grange	Mr R Smith (re-appointment from 1.9.04) and subject to his approval
Ormesby	Mr E Empson (re-appointment from 1.9.04), Mr P Thwaites (re-appointment from 1.9.04), Mrs J Carr (re-appointment from 13.6.04)

3. That appointments to the following vacancies be deferred pending the receipt of nominations:

Archibald Primary	1 vacancy
Breckon Hill Primary	1 vacancy
Hemlington Hall Primary	1 vacancy
Park End Primary	1 vacancy
St. Augustine's R C Primary	1vacancy
St Pius X R C Primary	1 vacancy
Viewley Hill Primary	1 vacancy
Whinney Banks Primary	1 vacancy
The Newlands F C J	1 vacancy
Beverley	2 vacancies
King's Manor	1 vacancy

4. That no action be taken on the nominations for re-appointment until such time as the respective Governing Body is reconstituted in respect of:-

Berwick Hills Primary	Miss A Smith
Brambles Primary	Mr S L Shaller, Mrs M Patterson.

5. That the nomination received for re-appointment from Mrs E Ways in respect of Thorntree Primary be not approved.

COUNCIL DIARY 2004/2005

In a report of the Members' Office Manager approval was sought for the draft timetable of Council and committee meeting dates in respect of the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

It was confirmed that consultation had taken place in relation to the proposed dates with the Deputy Mayor, political group Officers/Leaders, appropriate Council Fire and Police Authority Officers.

ORDERED as follows: -

1. That the timetable of meetings for the Municipal Year 2004/2005 as outlined be approved.
2. That with the exception of the following, the remaining dates for ordinary meetings of the Council be designated as meetings at which questions would be taken from members of the public:-

12 May 2004 (Annual Meeting)

23 February 2005 (Budget/Council Tax Setting Meeting)

9 March 2005 (provisional reserve Budget/Council Tax Setting Meeting)

25 May 2005 (Annual Meeting).