

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee was held on 26 June 2008.

PRESENT: Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillors McPartland, Purvis, Rehman and Mrs H Pearson.

OFFICIALS: B Baldam, J Bennington, C Davies, P Mullins and R Painter.

**** PRESENT BY INVITATION:** G Gallagher (Chief Accountant, Mouchel Business Services).

**** PRESENT AS AN OBSERVER:** Councillors Jones and Khan.

**** AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was submitted on behalf of Councillor Elder.

**** 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 28 May 2008 were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2007/2008

A report of the Director of Resources was presented regarding the draft Statement of Accounts 2007/08 a full copy of which had been provided in the Members' Resources Section and to the Committee within the prescribed format in accordance with current legislation and guidance.

Specific reference was made to the 2006 'Statement of Recommended Practice' which had introduced significant changes to the content and format of the Statement of Accounts. The Committee's attention was drawn to the following subsequent changes: -

- a) the removal of the Fixed Asset Restatement Account and the Capital Financing Account;
- b) the new requirement to establish a Revaluation Reserve and a Capital Adjustment Account.

As part of the annual accounts process the Council had been required to review its system of internal control and to publish a statement of such a review known as the Statement of Internal Control (SIC). The scope of the review had been extended to include the Council's wider governance arrangements as well as internal controls and required to publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

Details were given of the Statement, the main components of which were as follows: -

Appendix A – Income and Expenditure Account, which provided the net cost for the year of all the functions/services for which the Authority was responsible and demonstrated how that cost had been financed from general government grants and income from local taxpayers;

Appendix B – Statement of Movement on the General Fund Balance which provided reconciliation between the statutory requirement for raising council tax and the technical accounting format of the Income and Expenditure Account;

Appendix C – Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses which summarised all the gains and losses on movements on the headings within the Balance Sheet together with the final balance on the Income and Expenditure Account to demonstrate the total movement in the Authority's net worth for the year;

Appendix D – Balance Sheet which detailed the value of assets owned by the Council, the level of creditors (amounts owed by the Council), the level of debtors (amounts owed to the Council) and the level of provisions and balances maintained by the Council;

Appendix E – Cash Flow Statement, which summarised the revenue and capital cash payments and cash receipts made by the Council to/and from third parties.

The Committee was advised of the following key areas and an indication given of the measures being pursued in order to mitigate the financial risks to the Authority:-

- a) Equal Pay
- b) FRS 17 & Net Pension Assets
- c) Efficiency Savings/Service Reviews.

It was noted that the Statement of Accounts 2007/2008 would still be subject to external audit by Deloitte which was expected to be concluded in August 2008 following which a further report would be presented to the Committee.

ORDERED that the 2007/2008 draft Statement of Accounts be approved.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES – LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS – APPOINTMENTS

A report of the Head of Commissioning and Resources was presented regarding vacancies for Local Authority appointed School Governors which had arisen as a result of resignations, the expiry of terms of office or the removal of Governors due to non-attendance.

The nominations received for such vacancies were outlined in Appendix 1 of the report submitted and in an updated report circulated at the meeting.

It was noted that there were currently 13 vacancies out of a total of 142 Governorships for LA representatives, which equated to 9.1%.

ORDERED as follows: -

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Governor</u>
Acklam Whin Primary	Councillor G Rogers (w.e.f. 1.9.08) Mr B Emmerson (w.e.f.1.9.08)
Berwick Hills Primary	Councillor McIntyre (w.e.f.27.6.08)
Caldicotes Primary	Councillor Rooney (w.e.f.1.9.08)
Captain Cook Primary	Mr R Robertson (w.e.f.27.6.08)
Chandlers Ridge Primary	Mr P Thwaites (w.e.f. 27.6.08)
Easterside Primary	Mr L Barnbrook (w.e.f.1.9.08)
Kader Primary	Reverend Hearn (w..e.f. 27.6.08)
Lingfield Primary	Councillor J Hobson (w.e.f. 27.6.08)
Marton Manor Primary	Mr L Barnbrook (w.e.f. 1.9.08)
Newport Primary	Reverend Plant (w.e.f. 1.9.08)
Pallister Park Primary	Mrs G Purvis (w.e.f. 27.6.08)

Rose Wood Primary	Mrs L M Christie (w.e.f. 27.6.08)
St. Alphonsus R C Primary	Mr M Hawthorne (w.e.f. 1.9.08)
St. Joseph's R C Primary	Mr J Whittingham (w.e.f.1.9.08)
St. Thomas More R C Primary	Councillor Budd (w.e.f.1.9.08)
Sunnyside Primary	Councillor P Thompson (w.e.f.1.9.08) Mr P Connors (w.e.f. 1.9.08) Mrs B Illingworth (w.e.f. 1.9.08)
The Avenue Primary	Councillor Davison (w.e.f. 27.6.08) Mr A Cockerill (w.e.f. 1.9.08)
Thorntree Primary	Councillor Ferrier (w.e.f.1.9.08) Mrs G Purvis (w.e.f.1.9.08)
Whinney Banks Primary	Councillor Taylor (w.e.f. 27.8.08) Mrs L Green (w.e.f. 27.8.08)
Acklam Grange Secondary	Councillor Brunton (w.e.f.27.6.08) Councillor Biswas (w.e.f. 27.6.08)
King's Manor Secondary	Councillor Biswas (w.e.f. 27.6.08) Mr J Hodgson (w.e.f.27.6.08)
Ormesby School	Mr C Barnfather (w.e.f. 27.6.08)
Holmwood	Mrs J Duncan (w.e.f. 25.8.08)
Complimentary Management Board	Councillor Brunton (w.e.f.27.6.08).

2. That appointments to the following vacancies be deferred pending the receipt of nominations in respect of:

Brambles Primary School
Caldicotes Primary School
The Newlands FCJ

3. That consideration of the appointment of Local Authority appointed School Governors in respect of Tollesby School be deferred.

INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' REMUNERATION – APPOINTMENT

Further to the meeting of the Committee held on 15 February 2008 the Members' Office Manager confirmed that in accordance with the Committee's wishes Mr Alexander Porter had been contacted and asked if he wished to serve a further term of office on the Panel.

The Committee was advised that Mr Porter had now re-applied to serve a further three-year term of office on the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration.

ORDERED that Mr Alexander Porter be appointed to the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration for a period of up to three years with effect from 27 June 2008.