

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee was held on 29 June 2011.

PRESENT: Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillors Brunton, Hawthorne, McIntyre, P Purvis and M Saunders

OFFICERS: B Baldam, S Harker, R Long and J White.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were made at this point of the meeting.

****MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June were taken as read and approved as a true record subject to the following amendment:

Apologies for Absence - Councillor P Purvis to be removed and Councillor Saunders added.

SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 10, the Committee agreed to vary the order of business to deal with the items in the following order: Agenda Item 5, Agenda Item 4, Agenda Item 6.

DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2010/2011

The Deputy Director of Resources offered apologies that the Draft Statement of Accounts 2010/2011 had not been circulated with the Agenda and accompanying Committee Report prior to the meeting.

The application of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for the first time, had introduced significant changes to the layout of the Statement of Accounts and led to a huge increase in the amount of work required to complete the Statement. Unfortunately it had not been possible to finalise the Draft Statement of Accounts in time for the meeting.

ORDERED that Agenda Item 5, Draft Statement of Accounts 2010/2011, be deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES – PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT/REMOVAL OF AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

A report of the Head of Commissioning and Resources was presented to consider the outcome of the consultation with School Governing Bodies on a protocol for appointment and re-appointment of Authority Governors and procedures for the removal of Authority Governors.

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007, Regulation 6, stated that the Governing Bodies of all categories of maintained schools had at least one Governor appointed by the Local Authority. The Governor Development Service, on behalf of the Executive Director for Children, Families and Learning, consulted with Corporate Affairs Committee on all matters relating to the appointment, re-appointment and removal of Authority Governors.

Currently there was no formal protocol for appointment and re-appointment of Authority Governors. In addition there was no procedure for removing Authority Governors. A draft protocol was attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report and had been considered as an agenda item at all Governing Body meetings during the Spring Term 2011. Five Governing Bodies had made a formal response, details of which were attached at Appendix 2 to the submitted report. The remaining Governing Bodies had noted the proposed adoption of the protocol.

ORDERED as follows that the Protocol for the Appointment, Re-appointment of Local Authority Governors, and the Procedures for the Removal of Local Authority Governors be approved, and adopted with effect from September 2011.

ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair suggested that a meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee be held on Wednesday 13 July 2011 to consider the Draft Statement of Accounts 2010/2011.

ORDERED that the next meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee would be held on Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 10.30 am.