

## **CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 23RD JUNE, 2008

Present – Councillors Shaw (Chairman), Hollick (Vice-Chairman), R. Allen, Ashcroft (as deputy for Councillor P. Brierley), Ayub, Cottam, Hayes, Hornby, Iqbal, A.N. Spencer and J. Walsh.

### Also in Attendance

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| Mr. P. Molyneux | Assistant Director of Highways and Engineering and Committee Chief Officer Support |
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| Councillor Morris      | Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships |
| Councillor Mrs. Thomas | Executive Member for Corporate Resources                 |
| Councillor Kay         | Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity       |
| Mr. S. Harriss         | Chief Executive  |
| Mr. D. Winstanley      | Assistant Chief Executive                                |
| Mrs. M. Stoney         | Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services      |
| Mrs. V. Ridge          | Principal Democratic Services Officer                    |

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor P. Brierley.

Councillor Shaw in the Chair.

### **1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th April, 2008 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

## **2. MONITORING OF DECISIONS**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report that informed members of the progress of decisions taken and issues raised by the Committee.

Resolved – That the action and progress outlined in the report be noted.

## **3. COMMITTEE REMIT**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which set out details of the powers and duties of the Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee for 2008/09.

Also included were details of the portfolios for the Executive Members with responsibility for Corporate Resources, Strategy and External Relationships and Human Resources and Diversity.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

## **4. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which provided members with suitable criteria to aid in the selection of topics for scrutiny and outlined the Committee's work programme.

Members' views and comments were sought in relation to any further items and issues that they wanted including on the Committee's work programme.

Resolved – (i) That a report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 13th October, 2008 concerning the outcome of the Recruitment Advertising Pilot.

(ii) That a report be factored into the work programme concerning the use of temporary members of staff, including

historical spending information and policies in this regard.

(iii) That the standard Monitoring and Performance reports be factored into the work programme.

(iv) That the establishment of a Scrutiny Panel concerning the limitations of the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Division be explored further.

## **5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

Extracts of the minutes of meetings of the Executive held on 14th April and 2nd June, 2008 were submitted.

Further to minute 70, Review of Area Working in Bolton. Update and outline of New Approach, Members queried whether all the dates of the new meeting arrangements would be included in the Council diary of meetings up until the next Municipal Year.

The Chief Executive indicated that this would be undertaken.

Resolved – That the decisions of the Executive be noted.

## **6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CORPORATE RESOURCES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Member for Corporate Resources held on 10th June, 2008 were submitted.

Further to the Review of Licensing Fees and Charges, set out in the Decision Monitoring Appendix, members requested an update on the progress.

Resolved – (i) That the decisions of the Executive Member be noted.

(ii) That the Committee be apprised of an update regarding the Licensing Review of Fees and Charges position.

**7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS**

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships held on 11th June, 2008 were submitted.

Resolved – That the decisions of the Executive Member be noted.

**8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AREA WORKING POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting of the Area Working Policy Development Group held on 8th April, 2008 were submitted.

Further to minute 18, Developing Links to Housing Providers, members queried why the cessation of Neighbourhood Panels had been given publicity with no firm proposals yet in place.

The Executive Member for Strategy and External Relationships gave assurances that Members of Council would be engaged in the consultation process.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.30 pm)