



MINUTES

CONSTITUTION AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2005

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Reg Lovelock M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Peter Martin-Mayhew
Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal (Chairman)

Councillor John Wilks
Councillor Mike Williams

OFFICERS

Corporate Director Finance and Strategic Resource
Corporate Manager Democratic and Legal Services
Member Services Manager
Civic Support Officer (Minute 16)
Committee Support Officer

OTHER MEMBERS

12. MEMBERSHIP

None.

13. APOLOGIES

None.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

15. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2005

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July were confirmed as a correct record of the decisions taken.

16. CIVIC BUDGET

Members had been circulated with a revenue statement showing the Civic Functions Budget up to 31st October 2005. The Civic Officer said that by the end of October the Chairman would have attended 82 functions with commitments for at least 37 for the remainder of the year, the Chairman was carrying out a large number of functions within the budget. She asked the

committee if they would like a more detailed interim report at the next meeting.

The Corporate Manager Democratic and Legal Services said the Chairman had operated very effective budget management and this had been achieved because he used his own vehicle where possible. If a future Chairman did not have his own vehicle this would make a difference to the budget.

The Chairman and members of the Committee congratulated the Chairman of the Council and the Civic Officer for their work on managing the budget. A question was asked about transport costs to which the Civic Officer replied that she was confident that they would remain within budget.

17. RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING GROUP

This item was withdrawn from the agenda by the Corporate Manager Democratic and Legal Services and would be resubmitted at a later date.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DECIDES IS URGENT

Members had been circulated with report FIN247 from the Director of Finance and Strategic Resources. The report was for information purposes and concerned the half yearly treasury management activity 2005/2006. The report was also being circulated to the Resources DSP in November. The Director of Finance and Strategic Resources told members that it was a simple overview of the treasury management and highlighted two main points concerning the bank base rate and the current bank contract.

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2.45pm.