

EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Budget Scrutiny Committee of Bolsover District Council held in the Chamber Suite 3, The Arc, Clowne, on Tuesday 5th February 2013 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor K. Reid – Chair

Councillors A. Anderson, Mrs P. M. Bowmer, R. Brooks, J. A. Clifton, T. J. Connerton, C. P. Cooper, M. Dooley, S. W. Fritchley, H. J. Gilmour, J. E. Hall, G. J. Parkin, J. E. Smith, R. Turner, K. F. Walker and S. Wallis.

Officers:-

S.E.A. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council) and A. Bluff (Democratic Services Officer).

836. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.E. Bennett, R.J. Bowler, T. Cook, M.G. Crane, R.A. Heffer, B.W. Hendry, C. Munks, S. Peake, T. Rodda, D.S. Watson and G.O. Webster.

837. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

838. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS 2013 ONWARDS

The Chair explained to the meeting the reason for arranging the Extraordinary Budget Scrutiny Committee.

Given current budget pressures and to support the Council's efficiency drive, Scrutiny Members were asked to consider a number of options for alternative arrangements for Scrutiny Committees.

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Scrutiny Board Members had previously received and considered a draft options appraisal report for Scrutiny Committees and this document was now being presented to Scrutiny Committee Members.

Councillor Connerton and Councillor Turner entered the meeting at this point.

Members discussed at length the alternative options as presented in the report.

Various questions were raised and debated.

Moved by Councillor M.J. Dooley and seconded by Councillor H.J. Gilmour that current Scrutiny Committee arrangements remain unchanged.

Further to the motion, the Chair advised the meeting that he would allow debate to continue.

Further lengthy debate took place.

Moved by Councillor S.W. Fritchley and seconded by Councillor M.J. Dooley that an amendment be made to the above motion that a full Scrutiny Committee meeting is held once per month within the current cycle of meetings.

Further discussion took place.

On being put to the vote it was;

RESOLVED that (1) current Scrutiny Committee arrangements remain unchanged,

(2) a full Scrutiny Committee meeting is held once per month within the current cycle of meetings.

(Scrutiny Officer / Solicitor to the Council / Head of Democratic Services / Standards)

The meeting concluded at 1100 hours.