

EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Budget Scrutiny Committee of Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne, on Friday 19th April 2013 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor K. Reid – Chair

Councillors J.E. Bennett, R.J. Bowler, 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, R.A. Heffer, B.W. Hendry, G. J. Parkin, J.E. Smith, R. Turner, K.F. Walker, S. Wallis, D.S. Watson and G.O. Webster.

Officers:-

S.E.A. Sternberg (Solicitor to the Council), M. Kane (Governance Manager) and A. Bluff (Democratic Services Officer).

1131. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Anderson, T. Cook, C. Munks and S. Peake.

1132. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

1133. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS 2013 ONWARDS

Members were advised that the meeting had been arranged to discuss the options for Scrutiny's committee structure for 2013/14 onwards.

Councillor Bowler moved the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Hall;

That the three Committee structure remains as it is and that all Scrutiny Members receive agendas for all Scrutiny meetings and that three extra agenda items are included on the quarterly Scrutiny Budget meeting to

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allow reports and any other information from the three Scrutiny Committees to be considered.

Clarification was requested on the purpose of the meeting bearing in mind the resolution from the Extraordinary Budget Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5th February 2013.

Committee was advised that the purpose was to clarify Members' wishes in view of uncertainties arising from the initial meeting.

The Solicitor to the Council added that the recommendation from the meeting held on 5th February had been presented to Council but not formalised within the Council's Constitution. Council had sent the recommendation back to Budget Scrutiny Committee for clarification.

Councillor Connerton entered the meeting at this point.

A lengthy discussion took place during which the Chair emphasised that the aim of reviewing the Scrutiny committee structure was to make it more efficient in view of officer resource constraints whilst at the same time bolstering its effectiveness with the Executive.

Details of savings already made and attributed to the scrutiny process were circulated.

Further to Councillor Bowler's recommendation as detailed above, it was clarified that all Scrutiny Members would require paper copies of all Scrutiny agendas and reports.

On being put to the vote it was;

RESOLVED that (1) the three Committee structure remains as it is and that all Scrutiny Members receive agendas for all Scrutiny meetings and that three extra agenda items are included on the quarterly Scrutiny Budget meeting to allow reports and any other information from the three Scrutiny Committees to be considered.

(2) Scrutiny Members receive paper copies of all Scrutiny agendas and reports.

(Solicitor to the Council / Governance Manager / Council)

The meeting concluded at 1030 hours.