

HEALTH AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21 July 1999 at the Town Hall Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Clayton (Vice-Chair in the Chair); Councillors Aujla, Butler, Mrs Clayton, Cleaver, Mrs Compton, Copping, Crowther, Doody, Mrs Edwards, Gifford, Gill, Golby, Mrs Goode, Harris, Kirton, Mrs Leddy, Tamlin.

(Councillor Tamlin substituted for Councillor Attwood
Councillor Kirton substituted for Councillor Jackson).

228. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 19 and 26 May 1999 having been printed and circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PART I

(Matters not the subject of powers delegated to the Committee by the Council)

229. ANNUAL MONITORING OF SERVICE PLANS - ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND LICENSING

Reports from the Commissioning Team and Head of Engineering, Head of Environmental Health and Head of Members' Services were submitted which sought agreement of the monitoring reports on the service plans for Engineering, Environmental Health and Licensing, and also sought agreement on the issues that needed to be dealt with in preparing the service planning process for 2000/2001.

Each report contained details of the monitoring process of the service plan for 1998/99 and set out a number of issues which had been identified by the Group Spokespersons as issues that should be tackled in the service planning process for 2000/2001.

RECOMMENDED that the monitoring reports for the service plans for 1998/99 and the main issues for consideration in the service planning process for 2000/2001 as set out in the reports be approved.

PART II

(Matters delegated to the Committee by the Council)

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230. REFUSE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT 1998/2008

A report from the Head of Engineering was submitted on the progress of the new refuse and recycling contract which had commenced on 1 April 1998. The contract was set to run for ten years until 2008 and had been awarded to Serviceteam Limited following competitive tendering.

The report gave details of the information provided by the Contractor in the method statement, in the presentation to Members in support of the original tender and contained in the report presented to this Committee in February 1998 when it was considering the tender. The progress and operation of the contract was outlined in the report in the light of the information which had originally been submitted.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and representatives from Serviceteam be invited to give a presentation at the next meeting of the Committee.

231. PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE FUELLED VEHICLES

A report from Environmental Health was submitted on the provision of alternative fuelled vehicles. At its meeting held in July 1998, the Committee had considered a report from Environmental Health on the advantages of providing alternative fuelled vehicles and the various options available.

With the information available at that time, the Committee had agreed that the purchase of three electric vehicles be included in bids for resources in the year 1999/2000 with the proviso that any grants available to off-set the cost be taken advantage of.

Resources of £33,360 had been made available in 1999/2000 for the purchase of the three electric vehicles. At the time, it had been anticipated that electrically powered vehicles would be available and suitable, and that the Council would be making a strong statement about its commitment to environmental issues by choosing alternatively fuelled vehicles.

An electrically fuelled vehicle had been made available on a trial basis to Environmental Health and it had been found that the range was not sufficient to suit the expectations of the Business Unit.

One of the reasons for not recommending vehicles fuelled by liquified petroleum gas (LPG), or compressed natural gas (CNG), had been the lack of any prospect of a refuelling point within the district. This had, however, now been addressed and Calor Autogas had obtained planning permission to site a LPG facility at a petrol station in Warwick.

For operational reasons it was felt that electrically powered vehicles were no longer suitable but that LPG fuelled vehicles were now suitable due to the availability of a refuelling point in the district.

The cost of providing three LPG fuelled vehicles of a suitable size and power could be met from within the existing budget.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the decision to purchase three electrically powered replacement vehicles be rescinded and LPG vehicles be purchased instead, subject to any grants available to off-set the cost being taken advantage of, and the purchase and fitting out cost being within the approved budget; and
- (2) a report on the vehicles be submitted for the information of Members when they have been acquired.

232. FLOODING - SALTISFORD COMMON, WARWICK

A report from Engineering, Leisure and Amenities, and Property Services was submitted seeking approval of proposals to alleviate the problem of regular flooding of properties in the Antelope Gardens area of Warwick.

To prevent the overspilling of stormwater from the open ditch watercourse which caused the flooding problems, it was proposed to construct an earth bund within the Saltisford Common amenity area. This would increase the storage capacity of the brook during times of heavy and intense rainfall effectively acting as a dam to contain storm flows long enough to allow their natural percolation through the piped culvert, without overspilling into the adjacent residential area. It was proposed to reconstruct the existing culvert's head wall and install a safety screen which would prevent debris and large objects from entering the culvert and creating blockages. The screen would also prevent children from entering the culvert.

Initial consultations with the Environment Agency on these outline proposals had been undertaken and it was considered that, subject to confirmation of hydraulic design calculations and construction designs, the Environment Agency would approve the scheme's proposals.

It was estimated that the cost of the scheme would be approximately £31,000 subject to detailed design and costings. Although the Environment Agency were unable to directly contribute to the cost of the scheme they were happy to promote the proposals as an environmental enhancement scheme and were, therefore, presently preparing outline enhancement sketch proposals for the Council's consideration.

It had originally been anticipated that the work would be financed from next year's capital programme. However, due to the adverse affect the flooding was having on people living in the Antelope Gardens area, it was felt that this scheme should be carried out as soon as possible. The Head of Property had offered £10,000 towards the cost of the work, £10,000 could come from the Environment Key Issue Strategy with the remainder being funded from budgets under the control of the Head of Engineering. It would be necessary for the relevant Committee to agree the virement of Engineering budgets to Health and Control and for Resources Sub-Committee to agree that virement,

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and virements from their own budget.

Leisure Committee had considered the scheme at its meeting on 20 July and had supported it.

RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of Development Committee, Resources Sub-Committee be requested to approve the virements referred to above so that the scheme can proceed in this financial year.

233. OUT OF HOURS SERVICE

A report from Environmental Health was submitted advising Members of further work on the provisions of Environmental Health support to a Council call centre for an out of hours service.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

234. GENERAL REPORT

(A) HOUSE RENOVATION GRANTS 1999/2000

RESOLVED that the details of the number of applications for house renovation grants for the period from 1 April 1999 to 30 June 1999 inclusive be noted.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH (CONTROL OF DISEASE) ACT 1984 - CASE 1/1999/2000

RESOLVED that the circumstances of the cremation which the Council had been required to carry out under the provisions of the above Act be noted.

(C) WARWICK DISTRICT SAFETY FORUM

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Safety Forum held on 17 June 1999, as set out in Appendix "D", be received.

(D) SEWERS FOR ADOPTION

RESOLVED that the sewers listed in Appendix "E" be adopted by the Council as Agents for Severn Trent Water Limited under Section 102 of the Water Industry Act 1991 as public sewers.

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(E) LICENCING SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1 July 1999, as set out in Appendix "F", be received.

(F) CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 1999/2000

RESOLVED that the report from Engineering setting out a monitoring statement for this Committee for schemes within the control of Engineering be noted.

(G) PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY ON REFUSE COLLECTION CARRIED OUT FOR 1998/99 CONTRACTUAL YEAR

RESOLVED that the report from Engineering advising Members on the form and results of the public consultation survey on refuse collection be noted.

(The meeting ended at 7.15 pm)

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