

# MEMBERS/TRADES UNIONS JOINT CONSULTATION AND SAFETY PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5 July 2006 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 4.30 p.m.

## **PRESENT:**

**Employers' side:** Councillors Ashford, Copping and Hammon.

**Trades Unions' side:** Mr A Crump, Mr A E Foster and

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Short and Mrs J Webb

## **218. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS**

It was

### **RESOLVED** that

- (1) Councillor Ashford be appointed as Chair for the Employers side for the ensuing year; and
- (2) Mr A E Foster be appointed as Chair for the Trades Unions' side for the ensuing year.

It was the Trade Unions' turn to Chair the meeting so Mr A E Foster took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## **219. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

## **220. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2006 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Concern was expressed by the Panel that an accident report was not on the agenda, however they were reassured by the Assistant Chief Executive (Personnel) that a report would be submitted to the next meeting.

The Panel also requested a report detailing the Council's current policy with regard to smoking in the work place and smoking in Council buildings so that they could review the policy with the assistance of the Council's Health & Safety Advisor and have an amended one in place before the smoking ban in the work place came into force in July 2007.

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**221. WORKING WITHOUT STRESS ACTION PLAN**

The Panel considered a report from the Corporate Personnel Services which updated them on the actions in the "Working Without Stress" action plan which had been approved by the Panel in April 2006.

The UNISON representatives asked for it to be recorded that they were pleased that they had been involved within the theoretical aspect of the Stress Management Steering Group and looked forward to the seeing the practical aspect being a success within the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the content of the report be noted

(The meeting ended at 4.56 p.m.)