



BEAR, Mayor
COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Bear, M.D., The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
Evans, J. R.
Finch, Sir Robert
Garbutt, J.
Gifford, M.R.

Gowman, Miss A.J.
Graves, D. A.
Haines, G.W.
Hall, B.R.H.
Howard, Sir David, Bt., M.A., D.Sc.

Judge, Sir Paul
Luder, I.D., B.Sc.(Econ)
Walsh, S., M.A.
White, J., T.D.
Wootton, D.H.

COMMONERS

Abrahams, G.C.
Absalom, J.D.
Ayers, K.E. M.B.E., Deputy

Eskenzi, A.N., C.B.E.,
D.Sc., Deputy
Eve, R.A., O.B.E., Deputy
Everett, K.M. D.Sc.

James, Mrs C.
Jones, H.L.M., Deputy
King, A.J.N., Deputy

Pembroke, Mrs. A.M.F.
Pollard, J.H.G.
Pulman, G.A.G., J.P. Deputy

Bain-Stewart, A., M.Sc., J.P.
Barker, J.A., O.B.E, Deputy
Barrow, D., Deputy
Bird, J.L., O.B.E.
Boleat, M.J.
Burleigh I. B.

Farr, M.C.
Fernandes, Miss S.A.
Fraser, S.J.
Fredericks, Ms, M.B.

Lawrence, G.A., Deputy
Leck, P.
Littlechild, Mrs V.
Llewelyn-Davies, A.
Lodge, O.A.W., T.D.,B.Sc.
Lord, C.E., J.P. B.A.(Hons)

Quilter, S.D., B.Sc.(Hons)
Regan, R.D., Deputy
Regis, Miss D.
Richardson, M.C.
Rogula, Miss E.

Catt, R.M.
Chadwick, R.A.H.
Challis, N. K.
Chapman, J.
Cotgrove, D., B.A.
Cressey, N.
Currie, Miss S.E.M., M.B.E.,
Deputy

Galloway, A.D., O.B.E.
Gillon, G.M.F.
Ginsburg, S., Deputy
Graves, A.C., LL.B.

Malins, J.H., Q.C., Deputy
Mayhew, J.P., M.A., M.B.A.
McGuinness, Miss C.S.,
M.A., Deputy
Mead, Mrs. W.
Merrett, R.A.
Moore, G.W.
Morris, H. F.
Moys, Mrs. S.D.

Seaton, I.C.N.
Scott, J.G.S., J.P
Sherlock, M.R.C., M.A.,
Deputy
Shilson, Dr. G.R.E., Deputy
Simons, J.L. , M.Sc
Spanner, J.H., T.D.
Starling, Mrs A.

Day M. J., B.A., M.Sc.,
LL.M.
Dove, W.H., M.B.E., J.P.
Duckworth, S.D'O., M.A.
D.L.
Dudley, Rev. Dr. Martin
Duffield, R.W., B.A., M.Litt.
Dunphy, P.G.

Halliday, Mrs. P.A., O.B.E.,
Deputy
Harris, B.N.
Henderson-Begg, M.
Hoffman, T.D.D., LL.B.
Hudson, M.
Hughes-Penney, R.C.
Hunt, W.G., T.D.

Nash, Mrs, J.C., O.B.E.,
Deputy

Thompson, D.J.
Tomlinson, J., B.A., M.Sc.
Tumbridge, J.R.

Owen, Mrs. J., M.B.E.,
Deputy

Welbank, M. Deputy
Willoughby, P.J., J.P., Deputy

Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

Overseas visits The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent visit to Turkey

Regan, R.D., Deputy Hall, B.R.H., Alderman *Resolved unanimously* – That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to Penelope Cenci Di Bello its sincere gratitude for her much valued service as a Member for the Ward of Farringdon Within.

Elected as a Common Councilman in 2004, Penny served with distinction on the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, the Libraries, Archives and Guildhall Art Gallery Committee and on the Community and Children’s Services Committee. She was a Member of the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls, a Governor of Bridewell Royal Hospital and served as the City’s representative on the Management Committee of the City of London Citizen’s Advice Bureau.

The Members of this Honourable Court wish to take this opportunity to express their heartfelt appreciation not only for her efforts and achievements, but also for her kindness, courtesy and consideration and wish her good health and happiness long into the future.

Policy Statement There was no Policy Statement.

Hospital Seal Sundry documents were sealed with the Hospital Seal.

Applications for the Freedom The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Orders of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned persons who had made application to be admitted to the Freedom of this City by redemption:-

Norman Myers	a Scientist and Economist	2 Douglas Downes Close, Quarry Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire
Rohan Chowkidat	a Head of Office Services and Facilities	20 Mount Pleasant Road, Chigwell, Essex
Persand Bhairam Michael Arthur Adams	an Office Services Manager	21 Abingdon Close, Wimbledon, Merton
John Robert Ryan	an Equity Portfolio Manager	16 Grosvenor Crescent, Flat 5, Belgravia, Westminster
Ian William Whiting	a City of London Police Officer	Church Rise, Church Lane, Emberton, Near Olney, Buckinghamshire
Jude Gerald Dalton Chin	a Chartered Accountant, retired	The Fields, Glemham Road, Sweffling, Saxmundham, Suffolk
Sally Anne Gill	a Psychotherapist, retired	59 Swan Court, Chelsea Manor Street, Chelsea, Kensington and Chelsea
Philip George Riley	an Assistant Maintenance Manager	62 Newtown Road, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
Peter William Whimster	a Solicitor	72 Foyle Road, Blackheath, Greenwich
Craig Vincent Harrison	a Marketing Manager	37A Franklyn Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex
Ian Keith White	a Computer Programmer	10 Walters Way, Honor Oak Park, Lewisham

Stephen Anthony James Greek	a Local Government Officer	8 Barn Crescent, Stanmore, Harrow
Anthony Charles Wiltshire	a Commercial Director	52 Hever Road, Sevenoaks, Kent
Christopher John Damp	a Minister of Religion	Bunyan Manse, 1A St. Augustine's Road, Bedford, Bedfordshire
Kenneth Michael Atkinson	an Accounting Company Director	11.02 My Khawn 2B, Phu My Hung, District 7, Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam
Jelena Madir	a Lawyer	186-190 Bishopsgate, Suite 10, in the City of London
Theodosios Zaimis	a Marine Insurance Consultant	12 Cloysters Green, Wapping, Tower Hamlets
Tristan Bruce Peniston- Bird	a Crisis Management Consultant	Elm Cottage, High Street, Wethersfield, Braintree, Essex
Martyn Hurst Skinner	a Business Consultant	Camden Cottage, Camden Road, Bexley
James Alexander McKinnell, MBE	an Actuary, retired	31 Hendon Way, Cricklewood, Barnet
Keith William Hayes	a Security and Fire Engineer, retired	274 Tomswood Hill, Hainault, Redbridge
Sandra Joy Hayes	a Bank Clerk	274 Tomswood Hill, Hainault, Redbridge
Derek Mann	a Fast Passenger Ferry Safety Executive	16 Hazelhurst, Beckenham, Bromley
Nalini Paronavitane	a Charity Worker	37 Lascelles Avenue, Harrow
Yves Hayaux-du-Tilly	a Law Company Partner	60 Lombard Street, in the City of London
Loftur Johannesson	an International Logistician	20 Palace Street, Westminster

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that Mr. Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

Parliament

The Remembrancer's report of measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

Subordinate Legislation

Title

The Education (Local Authority and School Performance Targets)
(Revocation and Amendment) (England) Regulations 2010, No. 3014

with effect from
30th January 2011

(The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's office.)

Received.

Appointment
of the Irish
Society

This day the Court proceeded to appoint the Irish Society for the year ensuing.

Resolved – In pursuance of His Majesty King James the First His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England bearing the date of Westminster the 29th day of March, 1613, and in the 11th year of His said Majesty's reign, and also of His Majesty King Charles the Second His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England bearing the date at Westminster of His said Majesty's reign, this Court doth elect and choose Sir David Lewis, M.A.(Oxon), Alderman and Solicitor, to be the Governor of this City's Plantation in Ulster and Ireland, and John Absalom, Butcher, to be Deputy to the said Governors, to continue until the ninth day of February 2012 and from thence until others shall be elected and admitted in their room and in further pursuance thereof this Court doth elect and choose:-

Of the Aldermen

John Garbutt, Alderman
David Andrew Graves, Alderman
John Richard Cottam White, T.D., Alderman

Of the Common Councilmen

Michael Welbank, Deputy
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, M.A., D.L.
Anthony Colin Graves, LL.B.
Brian Nicholas Harris
John George Stewart Scott
Stanley Keith Knowles, Deputy
Catherine McGuinness, M.A., Deputy
Ann Marjorie Francescia Pembroke
Matthew Charles Falco Lombardi Richardson
Elizabeth Rogula

Ward

Billingsgate
Bishopsgate Within
Bishopsgate Without
Bridge
Broad Street
Candlewick
Castle Baynard
Cheap
Coleman Street
Lime Street

Together with those who remain on the Society:-

Of the Aldermen

Sir Paul Judge, Alderman
Fiona Woolf, C.B.E., Alderman and Sheriff

Of the Common Councilmen

Jeremy Paul Mayhew, M.A., M.B.A.
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
Kenneth Edwin Ayers, M.B.E., Deputy
George Marr Flemington Gillon
Nicolas Cressey
Alastair John Naisbitt King, M.Sc., Deputy
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick
Tom Hoffman, LL.B.
Pauline Ann Halliday, O.B.E., Deputy

Ward

Aldersgate
Aldgate
Bassishaw
Cordwainer
Portsoken
Queenhithe
Tower
Vintry
Walbrook

who, having stood last year, are continued Assistants of the said Society until the ninth day of February, 2012, and from thence until they shall be removed according to the form and orders of the said Letters Patent.

Appointment The Court proceeded to appoint one Member on the Bridewell Royal Hospital for a six year term to expire in February 2017 in respect of which the Town Clerk reported that the following nomination had been received:-

Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge, T.D, B.Sc.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Oliver Lodge to have been appointed on the Bridewell Royal Hospital.

Questions a) **James Tumbridge** asked the Chief Commoner whether the City Corporation intended to offer any gift, event or public congratulations to HRH Prince William and his bride to be, Miss Middleton, in recognition of their engagement and forthcoming wedding.

In response, **the Chief Commoner** stated that the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor sent congratulations on behalf of the City to the happy couple upon the announcement of their engagement. He further stated that they had expressed a clear preference for a donation to charity rather than a gift. He added that the Remembrancer was taking appropriate advice on the matter and would report on the outcome in due course.

b) **Sophie Fernandes** asking the Chairman of the Licensing Committee a question about the progress of the current consultation exercise in respect of the licensing of sexual entertainment venues in the City.

In response, **the Chairman** detailed the current position on the consultation exercise and stated that an electronic letter had been sent to over 3800 businesses and workers and 800 face to face interviews had been conducted. He reported that, to date, 856 postal questionnaires had been received and he gave statistics of the balance of responses from City residents and workers. He concluded that the consultation exercise would run until 11 February 2011, after which the results would be collated and any draft policy would be prepared for submission to a special meeting of the Licensing Committee on 30 March 2011, to which all Members of the Court were invited to attend. He added the draft policy would be submitted to the Court of Common Council for adoption on 5 May 2011.

Eve, R.A.,
O.B.E.,
Deputy
Sherlock,
M.R.C., M.A.,
Deputy

“That a Ward-based Working Party be formed to consider and report to this Honourable Court on the constitution of the Policy & Resources Committee together with its terms of reference and powers and that pending the submission of this report to the Court and any decisions flowing there from the present Governance Review be deferred sine die; and it be referred to the Chief Commoner, the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee, the Deputy Chairman of the City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee, and the Mover to agree the membership of the Working Party ?”

On the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the Motion not to be carried.

A Division being demanded and granted there appeared:-

For the Affirmative 32

ALDERMEN

White, J., T.D.

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Burleigh I. B.Chadwick, R.A.H.
Challis, N. K.
Cotgrove, D., B.A.
Cressey, N.Day M. J., B.A., M.Sc.,
LL.M.Eve, R.A., O.B.E.,
Deputy

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Jones, H.L.M., Deputy

Lawrence, G.A., Deputy
Llewelyn-Davies, A.Malins, J.H., Q.C.,
DeputyMead, Mrs. W.
Moys, Mrs. S.D.Owen, Mrs. J., M.B.E.,
DeputyPembroke, Mrs. A.M.F.
Pulman, G.A.G., J.P.
Deputy

Regis, Miss D.

Sherlock, M.R.C., M.A.,
Deputy
Spanner, J.H., T.D.

Twogood M. *

Welbank, M. Deputy

Tellers for the affirmative – (Affirmative) Absalom, J.D. and (Negative) Richardson, M.C.

[* N.B. M. Twogood was marked as voting in the Affirmative but was not present at the Court.]

For the Negative 59

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M.A., Deputy
Merrett, R.A.
Moore, G.W.
Morris, H. F.Nash, Mrs, J.C., O.B.E.,
Deputy

Pollard, J.H.G.

Rogula, Miss E.

Seaton, I.C.N.
Scott, J.G.S., J.P
Shilson, Dr. G.R.E.,
Deputy
Simons, J.L. , M.Sc
Starling, Mrs A.Thompson, D.J.
Tomlinson, J., B.A.,
M.Sc.
Tumbridge, J.R.Willoughby, P.J., J.P.,
Deputy

Tellers for the negative – (Negative) Dunphy, P.G. and (Affirmative) Henderson-Begg, M.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared the Motion not to have been carried.

Finance, Policy and Establishment Committees - Reports, etc.

(A) POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (Stuart Fraser)

19 January 2011

The City Prospectus: Local Economic Assessment

The previous Government placed a statutory duty on local authorities to prepare a Local Economic Assessment (LEA) for their area to ensure that they have an understanding of how economic conditions and forces shape local areas and to inform policies, priorities and the allocation of resources. This Committee recently considered and endorsed the LEA for the City of London and this is submitted in the form of a printed and circulated report for the information of the Court.

Received.

(B) London Councils Grants Scheme – Levy on the London Local Authorities

The London Councils Grants Scheme (LCGS) enables the City of London Corporation and the London boroughs to share the cost of making grants to voluntary organisations which operate in more than one borough.

This year the annual process of approving the LCGS budget and the constituent councils' subscription to it has involved London Councils carrying out a comprehensive review of the Grants Scheme. This was undertaken in anticipation of the cuts in public sector spending and to facilitate local decisions on grants to the voluntary sector in accordance with the Localism agenda. The review resulted in the re-prioritisation of the services funded and, consequently, in a recommendation that a number of organisations lose their funding. It is proposed that overall borough contributions to the LCGS are reduced by 49.7% compared with last year.

On this occasion, in order to comply with the deadline for constituent councils to respond, approval of the Court to the overall expenditure for the Grants Scheme for 2011/12 of £17,691,000 and the City Corporation's subscription to it, £19,640 (a decrease of £7,658) was obtained under urgency procedures and we accordingly report the action taken. Of the total expenditure to be incurred under the Scheme (£17,691,000), £13,241,000 is made up of local authority subscriptions as listed below. These sums are based on predicted resident population. The approval of two thirds of London boroughs is required in order for the budget to be set. Therefore it should be noted that our approval to both the overall expenditure and our contribution is subject to that being achieved.

The City of London Corporation has been the designated council responsible for issuing the levies to all the constituent councils for their contributions to the London Councils' Grants Scheme since 1 February 2004. The City of London is defined, for these purposes, as a levying body under sections 74 and 117 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Levying Bodies (General) Regulations 1992. It now falls to us to agree the annual levy on all constituent councils (i.e. both the total

contributions from them and the apportionment of that total between them) so that contributions can be collected from the boroughs towards the total expenditure of the Scheme. The 1992 Regulations state that this needs to be done by 14 February.

It should also be noted that London Council's recommendation to reduce expenditure on the Scheme is the subject of a Judicial Review by one of the applicants for funding, based on the perceived failure of London Councils properly to conduct equality impact assessments and on how that organisation was classified in terms of eligibility for future funding. If successful, this will have implications for the proposed level of expenditure as, if total expenditure to be incurred under the LCGS is not agreed by 1 February then, in accordance with the Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Specified Date) Order 1992, the total expenditure for the Scheme will be deemed to be the same as that approved in the previous year i.e. £30,116,000 with our subscription for the coming year reverting to £27,298. The hearing in the Judicial Review proceedings has been fixed for 27 January and the outcome of the hearing is expected to be known before 1 February. The implications of any adverse judgement on next year's LCGS budget will only be known once the judgement has been handed down. As this report had to be prepared prior to these dates, there will be an oral update to the Court.

On the basis that the 2011/12 grants budget is approved by two thirds of London Boroughs and the Judicial Review is not upheld, we **recommend** that approval be given to the issue of levies as set out below:-

Inner London			
Camden	231.2	2.98%	394,846
City of London	11.5	0.15%	19,640
Greenwich	226.1	2.92%	386,136
Hackney	216.0	2.79%	368,887
Hammersmith and Fulham	169.7	2.19%	289,816
Islington	191.8	2.47%	327,558
Kensington and Chelsea	169.9	2.19%	290,157
Lambeth	283.3	3.65%	483,823
Lewisham	264.5	3.41%	451,716
	ONS Mid- 2009		
Local Authorities	Estimate of Population ('000)	%	2011/12 Borough Contribution (£)
Southwark	285.6	3.68%	487,751
Tower Hamlets	234.8	3.03%	400,994
Wandsworth	286.6	3.70%	489,459
Westminster	249.4	3.22%	425,928
	2,820.4	36.38%	4,816,710
Outer London			
Barking and Dagenham	175.6	2.26%	299,892
Barnet	343.1	4.43%	585,950
Bexley	225.9	2.91%	385,794
Brent	255.5	3.30%	436,346

Bromley	310.2	4.00%	529,763
Croydon	342.8	4.42%	585,438
Ealing	316.6	4.08%	540,693
Enfield	291.2	3.76%	497,315
Haringey	225.5	2.91%	385,111
Harrow	228.1	2.94%	389,552
Havering	234.1	3.02%	399,799
Hillingdon	262.5	3.39%	448,300
Hounslow	234.2	3.02%	399,969
Kingston upon Thames	166.7	2.15%	284,692
Merton	206.4	2.66%	352,492
Newham	241.2	3.11%	411,924
Redbridge	267.7	3.45%	457,181
Richmond upon Thames	189.0	2.44%	322,776
Sutton	192.2	2.48%	328,241
Waltham Forest	224.3	2.89%	383,062
	4,932.8	63.62%	8,424,290
Total	7,753.2	100.00%	13,241,000

In introducing the report the Town Clerk reported that the judicial review, which was referred to within the report, had identified some procedural failings which needed to be rectified. He stated, however, that as the judgment did not require a change to the budget and proposed levy for the Scheme and, as two thirds of London Boroughs have approved the 2011/12 grants budget, the report was submitted to Honourable Members for approval.

Read and agreed to.

City's Cash Committees - Reports, etc.

CITY LANDS AND BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES COMMITTEE (Michael Robin Castle Sherlock, M.A., Deputy)

12 January 2011

(A) Applications for the Use of Guildhall

In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Court on 21 June 2001 for the approval of applications for the use of Guildhall, we now inform the Court of the following applications which have been agreed to:-

Name	Date	Function
City University	Wednesday 16 th March 2011	Graduation Ceremonies
	Thursday 17 th March 2011	
SML Marketing & Events	Tuesday 19 th April 2011	UEFA Champions League Cup Handover Ceremony
	Wednesday 20 th April 2011	
London Philharmonic Orchestra	Tuesday 28 th June 2011	Gala Dinner

Menzies LLP

Wednesday 12th September
2012

Dinner

Received.

(B) Early Evening Reception to coincide with the National Olympic and National Paralympic Committees' Chefs De Mission Seminars in London

In August 2011, "Chefs de Mission" from the 205 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will meet in London for their official seminar with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). This will be followed by an official seminar in September with "Chefs de Mission" from each of the 167 National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) for the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Each NOC has a government appointed "Chef de Mission" who oversees the administration and arrangements on behalf of their nation's team of athletes, coaches and managers.

The Chefs de Mission Seminars are of great importance to LOCOG as they act as an early pre-Games evaluation. The City Corporation has been working closely with LOCOG and it is proposed that the City hosts an early evening reception during both meetings of the "Chefs de Mission" and immediately prior to the official LOCOG hosted dinners in the Great Hall. It is anticipated that these receptions will provide an opportunity to make the "Chefs de Mission" aware of the range of facilities and activities offered by the City, which may be of interest to their teams when visiting London for the Games.

In addition to delegates from each NOC and NPC, it is anticipated that guests would include representatives from the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the Association of National Olympic Committees, representatives from past Winter and Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, LOCOG Executive and stakeholders, the Olympic Delivery Authority, the British Olympic Association and senior Government representatives.

We **recommend** that hospitality be granted in the form of two early evening receptions, the cost being met from within the strategic hospitality element of the Committee's budget, within approved cost parameters, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Policy and Resources Committee.

(This would be a Committee event)

Read and agreed to.

(C) Early Evening Reception to mark the Centenary of the Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew

The Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew, known as Barts, is located in Smithfield. The Hospital has existed on the same site for almost 900 years, surviving both the Great Fire and the Blitz. In 1546 Henry VIII signed an agreement under which Barts became one of the four royal hospitals that were at one time administered by the City.

The Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew, which was founded in October 1911, is a voluntary organisation whose aim is to support the work of the hospital through volunteers and it raises funds to provide equipment and comfort for the benefit of both patients and staff. As part of the celebrations for the centenary, it is proposed that a reception be held at Guildhall in the Spring of 2012.

It is anticipated that a reception would both help raise the profile of the Guild, and also provide an opportunity to acknowledge the volunteers involved with its work. It would also provide an opportunity for the City Corporation, through the Economic Development Office's volunteering section, to reach out to City workers who may wish to become involved with the Guild's work as volunteers thereby linking into the Government's Big Society agenda. It is anticipated that the guest list for this occasion would include the Trustees and members of the Guild of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew, individuals from Barts Hospital, Livery Companies involved with the hospital, City financial figures and Members with relevant interests.

We **recommend** that hospitality be granted in the form of an early evening reception and that arrangements be left in the hands of the City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee within approved cost parameters.

(This would be a Committee event)

Read and agreed to.

(D) Keynote address by the Prime Minister of the Republic of France – Report of action taken under urgency procedures

We report action taken under Standing Order No. 18 approving hospitality in the form of a breakfast meeting associated with a keynote address of the Prime Minister of France on Thursday, 13 January 2011. The event was announced with little advanced notice and it was necessary to seek urgent approval in order to proceed with the arrangements in view of the short timescale available.

The detailed arrangements for this Sub Committee function were left in the hands of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee to carry out within approved cost parameters.

Received.

Sherlock,
M.R.C., M.A.,
Deputy
Willoughby,
P.J., J.P.,
Deputy

Resolved - That the public be excluded from the meeting for three Items of business concerning various sensitive property matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972?

DUFFIELD

The meeting commenced at 1 p.m. and ended at 2.15p.m.