

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 8th December 2005 at Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes.

Present: Councillors McDermott (Chairman), Harris, Hignett and M. Hodgkinson and Swain.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Cross.

Absence declared on Council business: None.

Officers present: D Parr, D Tregaea, L Cairns and L Derbyshire.

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

APC 16 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2005, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

APC 17 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it was:

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

APC18 REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director – Children and Young People seeking approval for the early retirement of the Operational Director - School Support and Advisory Service. It was noted that costs could be met from within existing budgets.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request for early retirement be agreed, in the interests of the efficiency of the service with effect from 31st March 2006; and

- (2) Vytas Krivinskas be thanked for his excellent service and commitment to the Borough of Halton and local government generally over many years.

Strategic
Director –
Children and
Young
People

APC 19 ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director – Environment seeking approval for the new arrangements for the management and operation of the Environment Directorate. It was noted that the changes proposed would help enable service providers to focus more clearly on Council priorities and would allow a greater degree of integration between services.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Neighbourhood Services Department be disbanded;
- (2) the Environmental Health and Planning Department be renamed the Environmental and Regulatory Services Department;
- (3) the 17 existing posts as set out in Appendix 4 to the report be deleted from the establishment with effect from 31st March 2006 and the existing post holders be placed at risk in accordance with the Council's procedures;
- (4) the 7 new posts shown in Appendix 4 to the report be added to the establishment with effect from 1st April 2006;
- (5) the Strategic Director - Environment, in consultation with the Operational Director - Human Resources, be authorised to take such steps as are necessary to secure the implementation of the changes by 1st April 2006; and
- (6) Phil Watts be confirmed as the Operational Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services.

Strategic
Director –
Environment

Meeting ended at 4.18 pm