

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2005

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Meaden, R.G. (Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Grice, Mrs. D.
Allen, F.W.C.	Grocott, M.R.
Ansell, Mrs. P.A.	Hewitt, S.M.
Ball, G.D.	Hodges, E.J.
Beddows, J.	Jones, Mrs. A.E.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Jones, R.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Bullock, L.W.	Mitchell, C.
Burnett, J.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Butler, R.D.	Stanley, N.K.
Carr, I.R.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Collis, C.	Stretton, M.C.
Daly, K.	Toth, J.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Turville, R.C.
Davies, D.N.	Whitehouse, Mrs. G.M.
Easton, R.	Williams, A.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, B.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K.L. Bennett (Vice-Chairman), G.R. Martin, D.I. Dixon and D. Thomas).

49. Declarations of Interests of Members and Officers in Contracts and Other Matters

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Kraujalis, J.T.	Employee of Accord Housing Association	Personal
Hodges, E.J.	Member of Norton Canes Parish Council	Personal
Allen, F.W.C.	Cabinet 6 October 2005, Minute 54 – parents are buried at Cannock Cemetery	Personal
Morgan, C.W.J.	Council Tenant	Personal

Trigg, W.L.	Access to Skills & Economic Development Select Committee 7 September 2005, Minute 10 – Governor at Cannock Chase College	Personal
Jones, R.	Member of Rugeley Town Council	Personal
Jones, R.	Planning Control Committee 14 September 2005 – Minute 103	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Centre	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Health Centre	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership	Personal
Williams, B.	Member of Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Council	Personal
Freeman, M.P.	Planning Control Committee 14 September 2005, Minute 103 – sons work for Thyssen Krupp Body Stamping	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal

50. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council held on 28 September 2005 be approved as a correct record.

51. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

The Chairman announced that the Chairman's Charity Ball would be held on Friday, 24 February 2006 at Cannock Chase Leisure Centre and due to popular demand the Todd Miller and Joe Loss Orchestra would be playing for the evening. He reported that tickets were on sale from the Chase Leisure Centre and cost £32.

52. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

It was reported by the Chairman that no questions had been received in accordance with Rule 8.

53. Reports of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (a) Licensing Sub-Committee – 26 August, 2, 26 and 28 September and 12 October 2005.
- (b) Cabinet – 8, 15 and 22 September, 6 and 20 October 2005.

(The recommendations contained within Minutes 38(D) and 39 of 15 September 2005 were approved by Council on 28 September, 2005).
- (c) Planning Control Committee – 14 and 5 October 2005.
- (d) Housing Transfer Committee – 19 September 2005.
- (e) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 24 October and 1 November 2005.
- (f) Health Select Committee – 5 September and 4 October 2005.
- (g) Environment Select Committee – 6 September 2005.
- (h) Access to Skills and Economic Development Select Committee – 7 and 27 September 2005.
- (i) Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee – 26 September 2005.

(At this point the meeting was adjourned for 20 minutes)

54. Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2005/06 – 2007/08

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the position with regard to actual and estimated expenditure in respect of the HRA Capital Programme for 2005-06 be noted, and approval be given to:-
 - (i) Incur £40,000 of additional expenditure in respect of void properties (Decent Homes);
 - (ii) Re-programme £7,000 in respect of the redevelopment of the PRC properties at the Bevan Lee Estate to 2006-07.

- (B) That the current position with regard to estimated resources and expenditure in respect of the HRA Capital Programmes for 2006-07 and 2007-08 be noted and that approval be given to re-programme £309,000 of expenditure in respect of the redevelopment of the PRC properties at the Bevan Lee Estate from 2006-07 to 2007-08.

55. Mid Year Review of the Housing Revenue Account

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Enclosure 8.1 – 8.15 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the outturn position in respect of the 2004-05 Housing Revenue Account as set out in Annex 1 of the report, be noted.
- (B) That the revised position in respect of the 2005-06 Housing Revenue Account as set out in Annex 1 of the report, be noted and that £1,129,961 of working balances be carried forward to 2006-07.
- (C) That the position in respect of the revised forward projections for the Housing Revenue Account during the period 2006-2013 as set out in Annex 2 of the report, be noted.
- (D) That the position regarding estimated capital resources and the requirement for Housing Revenue Account capital expenditure during the period 2006-2013 as set out in Annex 3 and Annex 4 of the report, be noted, including the £10,015,000 investment deficit forecast for the period.
- (E) That £9,552,000 of the capital investment deficit forecast for the period 2006-2013 be met through the following reductions to the specifications for the Council's improvement programmes: -
- (i) Kitchen Replacement Programme
- Omission of redecoration for all households
 - Omission of floor covering
 - Omission of a fluorescent light strip
 - Reduction in the amount of tiling
 - Reduction in the quality of taps

- (ii) Bathroom Replacement Programme
 - Omission of redecoration for all households
 - Omission of floor covering
 - Omission of shower fitting, shower, shower curtain and reduction in the amount of tiling for bath option
 - Omission of extractor fan
 - Reduction in the quality of taps
 - Omission of disabled persons' bathrooms

- (iii) Central Heating Programme
 - Omission of redecoration for elderly households and redecoration allowances for other households
 - Installation of a standard gas fire only
 - Omission of an airing facility

- (iv) Electrical Upgrading Programme
 - Omission of carbon monoxide detectors
 - Omission of external lights
 - Reduction in the number of electrical sockets

- (v) External Envelope Works
 - Omission of additional roof ventilation and reinforced eaves felt
 - Extension of the programme to a 7-year cycle

- (F) That further reductions to specifications to meet the remaining £463,000 of the capital investment deficit be identified through future quarterly reviews of the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme.

- (G) That in the event of the Council retaining its housing stock:-
 - (i) The reductions in the Council's improvement programme specifications as detailed in (E) above be implemented in respect of the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2006-07 and future years.
 - (ii) An additional Revenue Contribution to capital outlay of £3,510,000 as detailed in paragraph 8.2 of the report be agreed for the period 2006-2013.

- (H) That the revised Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for the period 2006-2013 as set out in Annex 5 of the report be agreed and in the event of the Council retaining its housing stock is implemented for 2006-07 and future years.

- (I) That the position with regard to the Council's draft subsidy determination for 2006-07 be noted and that the additional potential investment deficit of £2,000,000 for the period 2006-2013 be met through further reductions to improvement programme specifications or reductions in Housing Revenue Account services as part of the Housing Revenue Account budget process when the Council's final subsidy determination is known.
- (J) That the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's agreement to the amended Gap Funding requirement for the proposed stock transfer of £49.9 million be noted.

56. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act, 1972.

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PART 2

57. Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period.

- (a) Cabinet – 8, 15 and 22 September and 20 October 2005

(The recommendation contained within Minute 42 of 15 September 2005 was approved by Council on 28 September 2005).

- (b) Housing Transfer Committee – 19 September 2005

(The recommendation contained within Minute 17 was approved by Council on 28 September 2005).

- (c) Appeals and Complaints Panel – 24 October and 1 November 2005

- (d) Environment Select Committee – 6 September 2005

- (e) Access to Skills and Economic Development Select Committee – 7 and 27 September 2005

CHAIRMAN