



Minutes of the meeting of the GRANT AID COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 15 JUNE 1999 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Barton, Clark, Gillingham, I Henderson, Miles, Pym and Squires

Officers: J Cove (Leisure and Community Services Manager), C Chandler (Group Accountant Community and Economic Development) and S Parker (Committee Administrator)

Also Present: G Edwards (Council of Voluntary Organisations)

GA1/00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Barton be elected Chair of the Committee for the Council year 1999/2000.

GA2/00 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Miles be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Council year 1999/2000.

GA3/00 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee held on 6 October 1998 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

GA4/00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors I Henderson and Pym declared a non-pecuniary interest as Members of the Management Committee of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

GA5/00 CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

The Committee noted the Council's Standing Orders required Committees to consider whether they would wish to co-opt persons to the Committee in a non-voting capacity.

RESOLVED -

That consideration of the co-option of persons to the Committee in a non-voting capacity be deferred.

GA6/00

MEMBER'S ITEM - BUDGET FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS - FINANCIAL YEAR 1999/2000

The Committee considered a Member's Item received from Councillor I Henderson requesting an explanation on the cancellation of the last scheduled meeting of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee; a full report to Members and voluntary organisation on the decisions that were made by the officers on the monies that remained in the "pot" and legal opinion on whether officers had a delegated powers to make those decisions.

The Committee noted the officers background note which provided answers to the questions posed in Councillor I Henderson's Member's Item.

RESOLVED -

1. That officers prepare a rolling programme of presentations by voluntary organisations to the Committee, even on a repeat basis if necessary taking into account that Members on the Committee can change each year.
2. That a more formal procedure be adopted to record the views of Members when cancellation of a meeting is requested.

GA7/00

QUESTION - MEMBER'S ITEM

The Committee noted that the question and Member's Item relating to the Terms of Reference of the Committee had, in accordance with Standing Order P27.3 been ruled out of order as there was no provision in Standing Orders which allowed Members of the Committee to ask questions of the Chair at a meeting of the Committee.

In accordance with Standing P27.3 Councillor Pym moved without comment that the item should be debated. On being moved and seconded a vote was taken immediately as follows:

FOR: Councillors Clark, I Henderson and Pym (3)

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors Barton, Gillingham, Miles and Squires (4)

The item was therefore debated.

The question and Member's Item requested the Chair to inform the Committee when proposals by the Administration to extend the Committee's role to encompass all applications to the Council for grants would be brought forward and how it would affect the work of the Committee.

RESOLVED -

1. That officers prepare a paper for the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 28 September 1999 or a special meeting, if appropriate,

which addressed the comments of Members at the meeting on the implications of extending the Committee's role to encompass all applications to the Council for grants.

2. That in preparing the paper officers invite contributions from Members and the voluntary sector.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.03 PM