

**ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY  
SUB-COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)****19 APRIL 2004**

Chair: \* Councillor Blann

Councillors: \* Arnold (1)  
\* Lavingia  
Lent\* Janet Mote  
\* John Nickolay (2)  
\* Thammaiah (3)\* Denotes Member present  
(1), (2) and (3) Denote category of Reserve Member**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL****PART II - MINUTES****85. Attendance by Reserve Members:****RESOLVED:** To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Members:-Ordinary MemberCouncillor Mrs Kinnear  
Councillor Seymour  
Councillor MilesReserve MemberCouncillor Arnold  
Councillor John Nickolay  
Councillor Thammaiah**86. Declarations of Interest:****RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members in relation to the business transacted at this meeting.**87. Arrangement of Agenda:****RESOLVED:** That all items be considered with the press and public present.**88. Minutes:****RESOLVED:** That the signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2004 be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the Sub-Committee.**89. Work Programme 2004-05 and Annual Report 2003-04:**

The Chair explained to the Members of the Sub-Committee that the Special meeting had been called to enable the Sub-Committee to consider the three recommendations set out in the report of the Executive Director of Organisational Development.

Consider and agree a provisional work programme for 2004-05

The Chair explained to the meeting that the Sub-Committee had been asked to agree a provisional work programme for 2004-05 and had consequently been given a matrix assessing potential topics to be included in this work programme. The Sub-Committee then turned to discussion, carefully considering each item.

**(i) Waste Management**

Members considered this to be an issue of concern due to the Borough's increasing costs in waste management. The Chair suggested that a report on this matter be submitted to the Sub-Committee in September along with an officer's briefing as the West London Waste Authority's strategy should have been agreed by then. This was agreed.

**(ii) Performance of Planning Service**

The Scrutiny Manager reported that the improvement plan would be going to the next Cabinet meeting so an update on the Planning and Development Improvement Plan would be referred to the Sub-Committee's meeting in June.

**(iii) Preparation of Local Development Framework**

It was agreed that an update be submitted to the meeting in June.

**(iv) Local transport Implementation Plan**

Members of the Sub-Committee would consider this item as part of the Sub-Committee's role of considering statutory plans prior to their approval by Council.

- (v) **Flooding**  
The Members of the Sub-Committee noted that this was an important issue in some areas of the Borough. Members felt that more information was required before a decision was taken on whether to undertake an in-depth review. It was agreed that officers be requested to submit a report on flooding to the September meeting.
- (vi) **Development of/support for Small Businesses**  
The Members of the Sub-Committee felt that this item should be left to the Best Value Advisory Panel to consider.
- (vii) **Affordable housing**  
The Members of the Sub-Committee felt that, as there was limited opportunity to influence matters in this area, the issue would not be included within the work programme.
- (viii) **Availability of Quality Private Sector Rented Accommodation**  
The Members of the Sub-Committee had already agreed to see an update report on Renewal Grants Policy at the November meeting following which further action might be agreed.
- (ix) **Performance of ALMO**  
The scheme was scheduled to start in September and the Sub-Committee felt an update could be provided in November following which further action might be considered.
- (x) **Changes to Liquor Licensing**  
The Sub-Committee agreed that the item be reconsidered at a future date pending the adoption of a local authority licensing policy. The Chair recommended Members attend a training course in autumn and noted that this might be an area for review in the longer term.
- (xi) **Green Belt Management Policy**  
Members felt that this was an area where there was an opportunity to influence policy development. It was also an issue in which there was likely to be public interest.  
It was agreed that a feasibility study for an in-depth review be submitted to the September meeting.
- (xii) **Town Centre Interim Parking Plan**  
It was agreed that the Parking Plan be an agenda item at the November meeting.
- (xiii) **Tourism**  
The Members of the Sub-Committee agreed that a review would not be possible this year and that the item be reconsidered at a future meeting.

Nomination of Member(s) to liaise with officers in undertaking a feasibility study of any potential in-depth review topics.

The Members of the Sub-Committee discussed the appointment of a Member to liaise with officers regarding the feasibility study on Green Belt Management Policy. The Members of the Sub-Committee felt that since the membership of the Sub-Committee might be altered at the start of the new Council year, the appointment should be postponed. It was agreed that the membership of the review group be notified by the Chair following consultations with the Members of the Sub-Committee for 2004/05.

Identify any particular issues to be highlighted within the annual report

The Chair outlined the proposed issues to be highlighted within the annual report to the Sub-Committee. The Chair drew the Sub-Committee's attention to some of the initiatives such as the Consultation on Highways and Transport Scheme which had involved both community groups and members of staff. The Chair also highlighted the Bus and Train Liaison Committees' participation in transport consultations.

**RESOLVED:** That (1) the Sub-Committee's draft work programme, as amended to incorporate the items outlined above, be agreed;

(2) a Member of the Sub-Committee be appointed to liaise with officers on the feasibility study on Green Belt Management Policy at the June meeting; and

(3) the following items be highlighted within the annual report: Consultation on Highways and Transport Scheme, Waste Management, Best Value Review on Your

Home Your Needs, Relationship with Local Transport Providers, ALMO and Performance of the Planning Service.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 6.05 pm, closed at 6.42 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR ALAN BLANN  
Chair