
REPORT OF LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2004

Chair: * Councillor Bluston

Councillors: * Mrs Bath * Ann Groves
 * Billson (1) * Idaikkadar (3)
 * Branch * Knowles
 * Janet Cowan * John Nickolay
 * Gate (4) * O'Dell

* Denotes Member present
 (1), (3) and (4) Denote category of Reserve Member

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL
PART II - MINUTES
28. Attendance by Reserve Members:

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Members:-

<u>Ordinary Member</u>	<u>Reserve Member</u>
Councillor Blann	Councillor Idaikkadar
Councillor Dharmarajah	Councillor Gate
Councillor Vina Mithani	Councillor Billson

29. 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.

30. Arrangement of Agenda:

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985,

(1) the following additional item be admitted to the agenda, with the press and public present by reason of the special circumstances and grounds for urgency set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Special Circumstances</u>
Early Retirement Sub-Committee	The Early Retirement Sub-Committee was agreed in principle at the last meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee held on 16 June 2004, to make urgent decisions on early retirement cases. The Members of the Early Retirement Sub-Committee were not then appointed and their appointment could not now await the next scheduled meeting of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on 20 September 2004. There would be a necessity to call upon the Early Retirement Sub-Committee to make urgent decisions on early retirement cases.

Urgency

To enable the work of the Early Retirement Sub-Committee to commence at the earliest opportunity.

(2) the following item listed within Part II of the agenda be considered with the press and public excluded for the reason set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
4. Exercise Discretion under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Early Termination) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (as amended)	This item was considered to contain exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A in that it related to an employee.

31. **Exercise Discretion under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Early Termination) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (as amended):**

The Chief Executive reported an application for early retirement under Regulation 26 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (as amended). The report detailed grounds for the Authority to exercise discretion under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Early Termination) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (as amended). It was mentioned that Pensions regulations would be changing in April 2005, and the Government was offering protection for those over the age of 50.

At its previous meeting on 16 June 2004 the Committee had received a report concerning this matter and had resolved (Minute 27) that the discretionary award of added years should not be made. The Chief Executive reported again on the full exercise of the Discretion in the context of additional, relevant information. Upon consideration and following a vote, it was,

RESOLVED: That Minute 27 (16 June 2004) be now varied to provide for the following determination of the particular application under Regulation 8:-

(1) it be agreed that this was a suitable case for consideration under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Early Termination) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (as amended);

(2) having determined that the application met the criteria for early retirement, discretion be exercised under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Early Termination) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (as amended) and the early retirement of PO with credited years of 6 years and 243 days be agreed.

(Note: Councillors Mrs Bath, Knowles and John Nickolay wished to be recorded as having voted against the decision to vary Minute 27).

32. **Early Retirement Sub-Committee:**

Having agreed that this oral matter be admitted to the business for this Special Meeting (see Minute 30(1) above) and further to the previous approval in principle to establish an Early Retirement Sub-Committee (Minute 15: 16 June 2004), it was

RESOLVED: That (1) the Early Retirement Sub-Committee membership be established as set out below:

EARLY RETIREMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (3) (Non-proportional)

(1) (1) (1)

I. Members **Bluston** **Knowles** **Branch**

(2) an update report be made to a future meeting as to the Sub-Committee Members' availability, and the number of meetings then held by the Sub-Committee with a view to reviewing any requirement to appoint Reserve Members, after a period of 6 months.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.45 pm, closed at 8.30 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR HOWARD BLUSTON
Chair