

REPORT OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 18th JUNE 2013

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Chairman: * R Khiroya

Councillors: * T Edwards
* Mrs M Jarrett
* R Kipps
* F Mahon-Daly
* L Sutherland
* Mrs J White
* Mrs J Worrall

*Denotes members present
Cllr Watkins was in attendance

There were no members of the public present

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. PURCHASE OF SOUTH LODGE

The Chairman felt that whilst the proposal was very favorable he thought there should be clarification on the possible covenants, and that the purchase must be freehold.

Questions were raised with regard to a long lease. The Clerk explained that at present the Council were given a seven year lease at a peppercorn rent, however if TRDC increased the length of the lease they would have to get best consideration for their assets. Independent assessment from a local estate agent had confirmed that market rent for an office of a similar size would be between £1,000 and £1,200 per calendar month.

It was generally felt that the Council should do what was in the best interests of the parishioners and work on this basis. What was being offered was sound and made business sense to allow the Council to have a security of tenure, a tangible asset and it was unlikely that the Council would ever get a better offer.

The Committee

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

That the Clerk formally write to TRDC to open negotiations to purchase South Lodge subject to

- A) The land being freehold
- B) That the land be included up to the tractor sheds
- C) That the Council has full understanding of any covenants or restrictions.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Sutherland, seconded by the Chairman and unanimously approved.

2. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cllr Mrs Worrall felt that the proposal fell in line with the standard code of conduct. There were concerns however regarding the when a Councillor would need to request dispensation, and if this could be given to the Chairman of the relevant committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek clarification from TRDC Monitoring Officer

The Committee

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

That the Council adopts the Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests

That the Clerk seeks clarification from the Monitoring Officer

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Worrall, seconded by Cllr Mahon-Daly and unanimously approved.

13/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs White.

13/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13/03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting dated 19th March 2013 be approved as a true and correct record.

13/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

12/69 Staff Appraisals and Job Evaluations. – It was noted that due to staff absences the job descriptions had not been evaluated by TRDC but that any changes would be backdated accordingly.

13/05 FINANCIAL COMPARISON STATEMENT 2013/14

The Committee

RESOLVED

To note the report

13/06 PURCHASE OF SOUTH LODGE. – See Recommendation 1.

13/07 OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON PERSONAL INTERESTS – See Recommendation 2

13/08 USE OF HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP BASE FUNDING

There was concern expressed that it may be difficult to get the calibre of person required due to the hourly rate being offered. It was also confirm that the position would be advertised, was a temporary position and appointment would follow the usual process which would involve members of the HR Committee.

After discussion it was agreed that the post should be advertised using local government websites, public notices and perhaps the Residents Association website, and see what type of take up there was. Appointment would either follow the usual recruitment process or would refer back to this Committee for further consideration.

The Committee

RESOLVED

That the Clerk advertises the position and follows the usual recruitment process

That a report be forward to the next meeting if no appointment is made.

This was proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Mahon-Daly and unanimously approved.

13/09 FOUR YEAR VISION

The Committee discussed progress on the Four Year Vision and decided not to make any alterations at present.

13/10 CLOSURE

The meeting having started at 8.00 pm, finished at 8.58 pm

These minutes have been checked by the Chairman.

Signatureagreed via email... Date.....20/6/13.....

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record at the Policy & Resources meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Signature Date

