

## **CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Station Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 25 May 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Denis Agnew, Jim Bollan, Gail Casey, Tony Devine, Duncan McDonald and Craig McLaughlin.

**Attending:** Gerry McInerney, Director of Corporate Services; Stephen Brown, Head of Legal and Administrative Services; Angela Clements, Head of Information Services; David Connell, Head of Finance; Gillian Jump, Manager of Accounting; Vincent Gardiner, Manager of Exchequer; Lorraine Coyne, Manager of Audit; Andrea Gibson, Project Leader, Strategy; Lesley-Anne Haigh, Grants Administrator and Shona Barton, Administrative Assistant.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Margaret Bootland, Geoff Calvert and Andy White.

### **Councillor Tony Devine in the Chair**

#### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

5946 The Chair, Councillor Devine, on behalf of the Committee welcomed Councillor Denis Agnew to his first meeting of the Corporate Services Committee.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5947 The Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 30 March 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **CIVIC HOSPITALITY**

5948 With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 30 March 2005 (page 1524, paragraph 5465 refers), there was submitted for further consideration a report by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the current position in relation to civic hospitality and seeking agreement for a change in procedure.

5949 Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

5950 That the Committee agrees to the recommendations in the report as follows:-

- (1) to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to approve hospitality which exceeds the amount which the Provost is authorised to approve; and
- (2) to note that requests which were not sanctioned by the Council Leader would not be authorised.

5951 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bolla, moved:-

5952 That a Hospitality Sub Group be established and that all requests for civic hospitality be referred to this Group for consideration.

5953 On a vote being taken 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 members for the Motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

#### **DUMBARTON COMMON GOOD FUND – DALNOTTAR CREMATORIUM**

5954 With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 30 March 2005 (page 1522, paragraph 5445 refers), a report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing further information regarding the inclusion of the upgrade to the Dalnottar Crematorium Disabled Toilet in the statement of the Common Good Fund budgets for 2003/2004 and 2004/2005.

5955 Having heard Councillors Devine and McLaughlin, the Committee noted the contents of the report.

#### **GRANT ASSISTANCE – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

5956 With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on 30 March 2005 (page 1528, paragraph 5493 refers), a report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing information on the issue of Service Level Agreements and Organisations who have applied to the Council to receive grant assistance.

5957 After discussion and having heard the Head of Finance in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

**PROVOST'S FUND**

5958 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the current sum within the Provost's Fund and seeking approval for a top up to the Fund.

5959 Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

5960 That the Committee approves the transfer of £5,000 from the Local Grants budget to the Provost's Fund.

5961 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

5962 That the Committee does not approve the transfer of £5,000 from the Local Grants budget to the Provost's Fund, particularly in view of the deep cuts which have taken place in grants funding.

5963 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

**ROYAL SCOTTISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007 – 2009**

5964 A joint report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services and the Director of Development and Environmental Services seeking approval for the Council to enter an agreement with the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) to procure the annual Scottish Pipe Band Championships for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

5965 Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

5966 That the Committee agrees to the recommendations in the report as follows:-

- (1) to stage the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championships at Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton;
- (2) to delegate authority to the Director of Development and Environmental Services and the Director of Corporate Services to conclude an agreement with the RSPBA regarding the 2007 to 2009 Scottish Championships at fees not exceeding the levels as detailed in the report;
- (3) to approve the expenditure necessary to stage the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championships, such expenditure to be in line with the budget for staging the 2005 event, with cost inflation provisions for future years; and

- (4) to delegate authority to the Director of Development and Environmental Services in conjunction with the Member/Officer working group to commence planning and arrangements with the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association for staging the Scottish Pipe Band Championships in future years.

5967 As an amendment Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-

5968 That the Committee approves the recommendations in the report but a further report should be submitted to Committee detailing the proposed expenditure on the event in forthcoming years and that Loch Lomond should be considered for hosting one of the events.

5969 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

#### **UPDATE ON FINANCE REVENUES COLLECTION**

5970 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the progress of the collection of the local Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR).

5971 After discussion and having heard the Manager of Exchequer in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the Council Tax and NNDR collection performance to date.

5972 The Committee agreed to congratulate all staff involved on the improvements in increasing collection rates.

#### **TREASURY TRANSACTIONS (1 APRIL 2004 – 31 MARCH 2005)**

5973 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services advising of the treasury transactions of the Council for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

5974 Having heard the Head of Finance in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

#### **INTEREST RATES (1 APRIL 2005 – 1 MAY 2005)**

5975 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing information on interest rates during the period from 1 April 2005 to 1 May 2005.

5976 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **AUTOMATED PAYMENT FACILITIES**

- 5977 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the implementation of automated payment facilities within the Council.
- 5978 After discussion and having heard the Director of Corporate Services and the Manager of Exchequer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note the implementation of the automated telephone payment facilities and the initiatives underway to improve further upon the existing in-year collection levels;
  - (2) that information on whether any alternative Direct Debit payment dates were to be offered by the Council would be forwarded to Members; and
  - (3) that once a sponsor was identified for the possible incentive programme, the details would be reported back to this Committee.

### **VALUE FOR MONEY SECTION – REVIEW OF WATER BILLING ARRANGEMENTS**

- 5979 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services advising of recent work undertaken by the Value for Money Section of Internal Audit in relation to water billing.
- 5980 Having heard the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note the contents of the report;
  - (2) that officers would seek clarification on backdating of refunds, and that this information would be sent to Members of the Committee; and
  - (3) that the staff in the Value for Money Unit be commended for their effort in pursuing water efficiency initiatives.

### **COSLA STAFFING WATCH SURVEY**

- 5981 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing information on the size of the Council's workforce as at 15 March 2005.
- 5982 After discussion and having heard the Director of Corporate Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) that information on the number of agency staff employed by the Council would be provided in writing to Members of the Committee.

### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

5983 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services seeking consideration of the progress that has been made by Corporate Services in the financial year April 2004 – March 2005.

5984 The Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

5985 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing information on departmental progress in the period from January to March 2005.

5986 After discussion and having heard Councillors Devine and Bollan, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) to approve the first draft of the Continuous Improvement Strategy; and
- (3) that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee, detailing the efforts made by the Council to regenerate and develop the local economy, with particular reference to the Strathleven Regeneration Company.

### **CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

5987 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services asking the Committee to consider recommendations in respect of the implementation of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 in West Dunbartonshire.

5988 After discussion and having heard the Head of Legal and Administrative Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to continue consideration of this report until the next meeting of the Committee; and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the next meeting of the Joint Consultative Forum, to allow the Trades Unions to make comment.

### **SINGLE REGISTRATION DISTRICT**

- 5989 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services seeking approval of a proposal to form a single registration district for the West Dunbartonshire Council area.
- 5990 The Committee agreed to approve the proposal to amalgamate the three existing registration districts within West Dunbartonshire to form a single district to be known as "West Dunbartonshire Registration District" to be implemented with effect from 1 January 2006.

### **TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF DUMBARTON DISTRICT COURT**

- 5991 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services informing of a request by the Scottish Court Service for the use of Dumbarton District Court for a period of between three and five years to allow for the next phase of the refurbishment of the Sheriff Court in Dumbarton, necessitating the relocation of Dumbarton District Court to Clydebank Town Hall for this period.
- 5992 After discussion and having heard the Head of Legal and Administrative Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to continue consideration of this report to the Council meeting on 29 June 2005; and
  - (2) that the Convener, Councillor Devine, and any other Member who was so minded, would attend the next meeting of the Justices Committee or otherwise meet with the local Justices to seek clarification of their reasons for being against the relocation of Dumbarton District Court.

### **A TESTED DISASTER RECOVERY SOLUTION**

- 5993 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on progress with the Council's Disaster Recovery Plan.
- 5994 Having heard the Head of Information Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note that the recent disaster recovery test was a success and that the Council has now signed a contract with Synstar for a period of three years;
  - (2) to note the further progress in providing a robust Disaster Recovery response to computer outages for West Dunbartonshire Council; and

- (3) that information on the expenditure incurred by the Council on this project would be supplied to Members in writing, and may be raised at a future meeting of the Committee.

### **INFORMATION SERVICES ONE STOP SHOP**

- 5995 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the implementation of the Information Services One Stop Shop.
- 5996 Having heard the Head of Information Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the introduction of the IS One Stop Shop and the ongoing service improvements within Information Services.

### **LOCAL, GENERAL AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS 2005/2006**

- 5997 A report was submitted by the Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the budget position of Local Grants, General Grants and Grants to Community Councils and providing details of grant applications for consideration.
- 5998 Having heard the Head of Finance in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-
- (1) to note the current budgetary position on Local, General and Community Council Grants as detailed in Appendix B to the report; and
  - (2) to note the organisations in the process of preparing Service Level Agreements as shown in Appendix F to the report.

### **Continued Local Grant Application 2005/2006**

- 5999 Consideration was given to a continued Local Grant Application for 2005/2006 as follows:-
- 6000 In relation to grant application 04/192 from Whitecrook Community Group, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-
- 6001 That the Committee award 50% of the grant requested (i.e. a payment of £5,000) as there was considerable investment being made by other agencies to the Whitecrook area.
- 6002 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- 6003 That the Committee award the full amount of £10,000 requested by this organisation as Whitecrook is an area of high deprivation.



6004 At the request of Councillor McLaughlin it was agreed that the matter be determined by way of a roll call vote. On a vote being taken, 2 Members (namely Councillors Bollan and McLaughlin) voted for the amendment and 4 Members (namely Councillors Agnew, Casey, Devine and McDonald) voted for the Motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6005 A summary of the decision taken on the continued Local Grant Application is provided in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

### **Local Grant Applications 2005/2006**

6006 Consideration was given to Local Grant Applications for 2005/2006 as follows:

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6007 In relation to grant application 05/69 from Age Concern Vale of Leven, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6008 That the organisation be awarded the recommended grant of £10,451.98.

6009 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6010 That the organisation be awarded the full amount requested of £10,611.15, and that Councillor Rooney, the Older People's Champion for West Dunbartonshire be asked for his views on the reduction of grant proposed by the Committee.

6011 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6012 In relation to grant application 05/67 from Dunbartonshire Budgerigar Society, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6013 That the Committee agrees with the recommendation of Nil, as funding is not provided for an individual's travel and accommodation.

6014 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6015 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £500 and that this be funded from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund.

6016 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6017 In relation to grant application 05/73 from Dumbarton & District Novice Juvenile Pipe Band, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6018 That no grant award be made to this organisation.

6019 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin moved:-

6020 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £500.

6021 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 4 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

### ADJOURNMENT

6022 After hearing Councillor Devine, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11.45 a.m. to allow the Special Licensing Committee convened for 11.30 a.m. to take place.

6023 The Committee reconvened at 12.15 p.m. with all those on the sederunt being present with the exception of Councillor Duncan McDonald.

6024 In relation to grant application 05/72 from Dumbarton & District Pipe Band, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6025 That no grant award be made to this organisation.

6026 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6027 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £2,500.

6028 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6029 In relation to grant application 05/55 from Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Veterans Bowling Association, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6030 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £246.25.

6031 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6032 That the Committee award the full grant requested of £250.

6033 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6034 In relation to grant application 05/70 from Nova International Limited, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6035 That this application be continued until the next meeting of the Committee to allow for further information on the applicants to be provided to Members.

6036 As an amendment, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:  
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6037 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £4,925.

6038 On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 2 Members voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

6039 In relation to grant application 05/62 from West Dunbartonshire Community Councils Forum, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew moved:-

6040 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £2,492.05.

6041 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6042 That the Committee award the full grant requested of £2,530.

6043 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the Motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6044 In relation to grant application 05/48 from Whitecrook One O'Clock Gang, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6045 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £197.

6046 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6047 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £200.

6048 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6049 In relation to grant application 05/47 from the Scottish Pensioners Association, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6050 That consideration of this application be continued until the next meeting of the Committee, to allow for further information to be provided on this group.

6051 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-

6052 That this application should not be continued until the next meeting, and that the full grant requested of £1,200 be awarded.

- 6053 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.
- 6054 In relation to grant application 05/58 from The Crosslet Community Centre, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-
- 6055 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £4,629.50.
- 6056 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- 6057 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £4,700.
- 6058 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.
- 6059 In relation to grant application 05/45 from Clydebank Patchwork Group, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-
- 6060 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £492.50.
- 6061 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-
- 6062 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £2,000.
- 6063 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.
- 6064 In relation to grant application 05/60 from Loch Lomond Amateur Rowing Club, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-
- 6065 That the Committee approves the payment of half of the grant requested (i.e. the amount of £2,500).
- 6066 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- 6067 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £5,000.
- 6068 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.
- 6069 In relation to grant application 05/57 from Age Concern Dumbarton, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Casey, moved:-
- 6070 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £4,925.
- 6071 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

- 6072 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £5,549.42, and that Councillor Rooney, the Older People's Champion for West Dunbartonshire should be invited to present the cheque.
- 6073 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.
- 6074 In relation to grant application 05/16 from The Gorsilaure Project, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-
- 6075 That no grant award be made to this organisation.
- 6076 As an amendment, Councillor Bollan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-
- 6077 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £2,500, to enable the organisation to continue fundraising to provide support to the people of the Congo.
- 6078 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.
- 6079 In relation to grant application 05/36 from Vale of Leven Hospital Services Forum, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-
- 6080 That the Committee awards the recommended grant of £492.50.
- 6081 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- 6082 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £500, to allow the organisation to continue campaigning to retain services at the Vale of Leven Hospital.
- 6083 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.
- 6084 In relation to grant application 05/29 to Bellsmyre Community Advice Centre, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-
- 6085 That the Committee approves the officers' recommendation of nil.
- 6086 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bollan, moved:-
- 6087 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £7,500 to be put towards the running costs of the project.
- 6088 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6089 In relation to grant application 05/21 from Clydebank Rugby Football Club, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6090 That the Committee award the previous year's grant less a reduction of 1.5% (a payment of £1,477.50), and that officers write to the Club to ascertain why they had requested an additional £1,000.

6091 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bolla, moved:-

6092 That consideration of this application be continued until the next meeting of the Committee to allow for the reasons for the request for extra funding to be clarified.

6093 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6094 In relation to grant application 05/49 from Whitecrook Tenants & Residents Association, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6095 That the Committee awards the sum of £1,000 to this organisation.

6096 As an amendment, Councillor Bolla, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin, moved:-

6097 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £1,500.

6098 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6099 A summary of the decisions taken on the Local Grant Applications is provided in Appendix 2 to these minutes.

### **Community Council Grant Application 2005/2006**

6100 Consideration was given to a Community Council Grant Application. The decision is as shown in Appendix 3.

### **Dumbarton Common Good Fund Applications 2005/2006**

6101 Consideration was given to Dumbarton Common Good Fund Applications for 2005/2006 as follows:-

6102 In relation to grant application 05/33 to Age Concern Dumbarton, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bolla, moved:-

6103 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £767.20, especially since the award is being made from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund, which is a self supporting fund.

6104 As an amendment, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:  
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6105 That the Committee awards the grant requested less a reduction of 1.5% (a payment of £755.69).

6106 On a vote being taken, 3 Members voted for the amendment and 2 Members voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

6107 In relation to grant application 05/74 from Dumbarton Senior Citizens Project, Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6108 That the Committee awards a grant of £500 to this organisation.

6109 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bolla, moved:-

6110 That the Committee awards the full grant requested of £1,634.

6111 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

6112 A summary of the decisions taken on the Dumbarton Common Good Fund Applications is provided in Appendix 4 to these minutes.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

6113 The Head of Legal and Administrative Services advised the Committee that in order to consider the application contained in Appendix G to the report, a suspension of Standing Order 16 would be required, as the item had previously been considered at a meeting less than 6 months from the date of this meeting.

6114 Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Agnew, moved:-

6115 That no suspension of Standing Order 16 be made.

6116 As an amendment, Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Bolla, moved:-

6117 That the Committee agree to the suspension of Standing Order 16, to allow for this item to be considered.

6118 On a vote being taken, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 3 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

The meeting closed at 1.45 p.m.