

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 10 March 2009
Time: 6.00 p.m.
Place: Shimkent Room

Present: Employer Side: Councillors Mrs J Lloyd (Chairman presiding), R J Henry and S Myson
Staff Side: C Giles (Chair), D Nicholson

In Attendance: P Thompson, SHL.

Start/End Time: Start Time: 6.00pm
End Time: 6.55pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor G Clark.

Councillor R J Henry declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in items 11 and 12 as he was a member of UNISON.

2. NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN/CHAIR

It was noted that Councillor Mrs J Lloyd had been appointed as Chairman of the Employer Side and C Giles as Chair of the Staff Side of the Committee for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF PERSON TO PRESIDE AT THE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs J Lloyd be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

Councillor Mrs J Lloyd in the Chair

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged that P Thompson had been invited as the UNISON representative for Stevenage Homes Ltd (SHL).

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION

The Terms of Reference and Composition of the Committee were noted.

5. MINUTES - 17 OCTOBER 2007

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Strategic Director (Finance) stated that in view of the lack of progress made on the Single Status Agreement (SSA), Officers had met with Union representatives a month following the meeting in an attempt to resolve the outstanding issues.

7. URGENT PART I ITEMS

There was no urgent Part I business for consideration at the meeting.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED**:

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.

2. That notwithstanding resolution 1 above, P Thompson (SHL) be allowed to remain as an observer for the following items of business.

9. MINUTES - 17 OCTOBER 2007

It was **RESOLVED** that the Part II Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

11. ITEM REQUESTED BY STAFF SIDE - SINGLE STATUS AGREEMENT - UPDATE

The Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development (HR and OD) updated the Committee about the current position regarding the SSA.

12. ITEM REQUESTED BY STAFF SIDE - UPDATE ON CURRENT STRUCTURES

The Head of HR and OD updated the Committee about the organisational restructure that was taking place across the Council.

13. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

There were no urgent Part II items of business.